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Percentage Interest in the cumulative quantity of all Gas produced from the Balancing Area.

1.16 (Optional) "Winter Period" shall mean the month(s) of November and December in one calendar year and the month(s) of January and February in the succeeding calendar year.

2. BALANCING AREA

2.1 If this Agreement covers more than one Balancing Area, it shall be applied as if each Balancing Area were covered by separate but identical agreements. All balancing hereunder shall be on the basis of Gas taken from the Balancing Area measured in (Alternative 1) □ Mcfs or (Alternative 2) ■ MMBtus.

3. RIGHT OF PARTIES TO TAKE GAS

- 3.1 Each Party desiring to take Gas will notify the Operator, or cause the Operator to be notified, of the volumes nominated, the name of the transporting pipeline and the pipeline contract number (if available) and meter station relating to such delivery, sufficiently in advance for the Operator, acting with reasonable diligence, to meet all nomination and other requirements. Operator is authorized to deliver the volumes so nominated and confirmed (if confirmation is required) to the transporting pipeline in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Operator shall provide each Party with an estimate of its Full Share of Current Production and the estimated sustainable Gas volumes for Makeup Gas by the 15th calendar day of the month before the month of production. The Parties recognize that Operator's estimates are no more than estimates, and that these estimated volumes may vary from the actual Gas sales volumes during the month. Operator will, insofar as reasonably possible and practical, notify (by telephone or facsimile) the Parties of significant variances in production volumes relative to nominations where these variances could be reasonably expected to result in penalties being imposed by pipeline/purchases. Operator will notify all the parties of scheduled operations that will impact sustained production.
- 3.2 Each Party shall make a reasonable, good faith effort to take its Full Share of Current Production each month, to the extent that such production is required to maintain leases in effect, to protect the producing capacity of a well or reservoir, to preserve correlative rights, or to maintain oil production.
- 3.3 When a Party fails for any reason to take its Full Share of Current Production (as such Share may be reduced by the right of the other Parties to make up for Underproduction as provided herein), the other Parties shall be entitled to take any Gas which such Party fails to take. To the extent practicable, such Gas shall be made available initially to each Underproduced Party in the proportion that its Percentage Interest in the Balancing Area bears to the total Percentage Interests of all Underproduced Parties desiring to take such Gas. If all such Gas is not taken by the Underproduced Parties, the portion not taken shall then be made available to the other Parties in the proportion that their respective Percentage Interests in the Balancing Area bear to the total Percentage Interests of such Parties.
- 3.4 All Gas taken by a Party in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, regardless of whether such Party is underproduced or overproduced, shall be regarded as Gas taken for its own account with title thereto being in such taking Party.
- 3.5 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.3 hereof, no Overproduced Party shall be entitled in any month to take any Gas in excess of three hundred percent (300%) of its Percentage Interest of the Balancing Area's then-current Maximum Monthly Availability; provided, however, that this limitation shall not apply to the extent that it would preclude production that is required to maintain leases in effect, to protect the producing capacity of a well or reservoir, to preserve correlative rights, or to maintain oil production. "Maximum Monthly Availability" shall mean the maximum average monthly rate of production at which Gas can be delivered from the Balancing Area, as determined by the Operator, considering the maximum efficient well rate for each well within the Balancing Area, the maximum allowable(s) set by the appropriate regulatory agency, mode of operation, production facility capabilities and pipeline pressures.
- 3.6 In the event that a Party fails to make arrangements to take its Full Share of Current Production required to be produced to maintain leases in effect, to protect the producing capacity of a well or reservoir, to preserve correlative rights, or to maintain oil production, the Operator may sell any part of such Party's Full Share of Current Production that such Party fails to take for the account of such Party and render to such Party, on a current basis, the full proceeds of the sale, less any reasonable marketing, compression, treating, gathering or transportation costs incurred directly in connection with the sale of such Full Share of Current Production. In making the sale contemplated herein, the Operator shall be obliged only to obtain such price and conditions for the sale as are reasonable under the circumstances and shall not be obliged to share any of its markets. Any such sale by Operator under the terms hereof shall be only for such reasonable periods of time as are consistent with the minimum needs of the industry under the particular circumstances, but in no event for a period in excess of one year. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 3.4 hereof, Gas sold by Operator for a Party under the provisions hereof shall be deemed to be Gas taken for the account of such Party. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, no agency relationship or other relationship of trust and confidence shall be created by such sale, and Operator's sale of production under the terms hereof shall be subject to the terms of Section 12.3 hereof.

4. IN-KIND BALANCING

4.1 Effective the first day of any calendar month following at least thirty(30) days' prior written notice to the Operator, any Underproduced Party may begin taking, in addition to its Full Share of Current

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Production and any Makeup Gas taken pursuant to Section 3.3 of this Agreement, a share of current production determined					
by multiplying fifty percent (50%) of the Full Shares of Current Production of all Overproduced Parties by					
a fraction, the numerator of which is the Percentage Interest of such Underproduced Party and the denominator of which					
is the total of the Percentage Interests of all Underproduced Parties desiring to take Makeup Gas. In no event will an					
Overproduced Party be required to provide more than fifty percent (50%) of its Full Share of CurrentProduction for Makeup Gas. The Operator will promptly notify all Overproduced Parties of the election of an Underproduced					
Party to begin taking Makeup Gas.					
4.2 [(Optional Seasonal Limitation on Makeup Option 1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 4.1, the					
average monthly amount of Makeup Gas taken by an Underproduced Party during the Winter Period pursuant to Section 4.1					
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5. STATEMENT OF GAS BALANCES

- 5.1 The Operator will maintain appropriate accounting on a monthly and cumulative basis of the volumes of Gas that each Party is entitled to receive and the volumes of Gas actually taken or sold for each Party's account. Within forty-five (45) days after the month of production, the Operator will furnish a statement for such month showing (1) each Party's Full Share of Current Production, (2) the total volume of Gas actually taken or sold for each Party's account, (3) the difference between the volume taken by each Party and that Party's Full Share of Current Production, (4) the Overproduction or Underproduction of each Party, and (5) other data as recommended by the provisions of the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies Bulletin No.24, as amended or supplemented hereafter. Each Party taking Gas will promptly provide to the Operator any data required by the Operator for preparation of the statements required hereunder.
- 5.2 If any Party fails to provide the data required herein for four (4) consecutive production months, the Operator, or where the Operator has failed to provide data, another Party, may audit the production and Gas sales and transportation volumes of the non-reporting Party to provide the required data. Such audit shall be conducted only after reasonable notice and during normal business hours in the office of the Party whose records are being audited. All costs associated with such audit will be charged to the account of the Party failing to provide the required data.

6. PAYMENTS ON PRODUCTION

6.1 Each Party taking Gas shall pay or cause to be paid all production and severance taxes due on all volumes of Gas actually taken by such Party.

6.2 (Intentionally Deleted)

6.2.1 (Optional For use only with Section 6.2 Alternative I Entitlement) On written request of a Party taking less than its Full Share of Current Production in a given month ("Current Underproducer"), any Party taking more than its Full Share of Current Production in such month ("Current Overproducer") will pay to such Current Underproducer an amount each month equal to the Royalty percentage of the proceeds received by the Current Overproducer for that portion of the Current Underproducer's Full Share of Current Production taken by the Current Overproducer; provided, however, that such payment will not exceed the Royalty percentage that is common to all Royalty burdens in the Balancing Area. Payments made pursuant to this Section 6.2.1 will be deemed payments to the Underproduced Party's Royalty owners for purposes of Section 7.5.

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(Alternative 2 Sales) Each Party shall pay or cause to be paid Royalty due with respect to Royalty owners to whom it is accountable based on the volume of Gas actually taken for its account.

6.3 (Intentionally Deleted)

7. CASH SETTLEMENTS

- 7.1 On the earlier of the plugging and abandonment of the last producing interval in the Balancing Area, or at any time no Gas is taken from the Balancing Area for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months, any Party may give written notice calling for cash Settlement of the Gas production imbalances among the Parties. Such notice shall be given to all Parties in the Balancing Area.
- 7.2 Within ninety (90) days after the notice calling for cash settlement under Section 7.1, the Operator will distribute to each Party a Final Gas Settlement Statement detailing the quantity of Overproduction owed by each Overproduced Party to each Underproduced Party and identifying the month to which such Overproduction is attributed, pursuant to the methodology set out in Section 7.4.

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- 7.3 (Alternative I Direct Party-to-Party Settlement) Within ninety (90) days after receipt of the Final Gas Settlement Statement, each Overproduced Party will pay to each Underproduced Party entitled to settlement the appropriate cash Settlement, accompanied by appropriate accounting detail. At the time of payment, the Overproduced Party will notify the Operator of the Gas imbalance settled by the Overproduced Party's payment.
- 7.3
 Alternative 2 Settlement Through Operator) Within sixty (60) days after receipt of the Final Gas Settlement Statement, each Overproduced Party will send its cash settlement, accompanied by appropriate accounting detail, to the Operator. The Operator will distribute the monies so received, along with any settlement owed by the Operator as an Overproduced Party, to each Underproduced Party to whom settlement is due within ninety (90) days after issuance of the Final Gas Settlement Statement. In the event that any Overproduced Party fails to pay any settlement due hereunder, the Operator may turn over responsibility for the collection of such settlement to the Party to whom it is owed, and the Operator will have no further responsibility with regard to such settlement.
- 7.3.1 ☐ (Optional For use only with Section 7.3, Alternative 2 Settlement Through Operator) Any Party shall have the right at any time on thirty (30) days' prior written notice to all other Parties to demand that any settlements due such Party for Overproduction be paid directly to such Party by the Overproduced Party, rather than being paid through the Operator. In the event that an Overproduced Party pays the Operator any sums due to an Underproduced Party at any time after thirty (30) days following the receipt of the notice provided for herein, the Overproduced Party will continue to be liable to such Underproduced Party for any sums so paid, until payment is actually received by the Underproduced Party.
- 7.4 (Alternative 1 Historical Sales Basis) The amount of the cash settlement will be based on the proceeds received by the Overproduced Party under an Arm's Length Agreement for the Gas taken from time to time by the Overproduced Party in excess of the Overproduced Party's Full Share of Current Production. Any Makeup Gas taken by the Underproduced Party before monetary settlement hereunder will be applied to offset Overproduction chronologically in the order of accrual. The method of valuation for cash settlement will be First In First Out (FIFO).
- 7.4 □ (Alternative 2 Most Recent Sales Basis) The amount of the cash settlement will be based on the proceeds received by the Overproduced Party under an Arm's Length Agreement for the volume of Gas that constituted Overproducion by the Overproduced Party from the Balancing Area. For the purpose of implementing the cash settlement provision of the Section 7, an Overproduced Party will not be considered to have produced any of an Underproduced Party's share of Gas until the Overproduced Party has produced cumulatively all its Percentage Interest share of the Gas ultimately produced from the Balancing Area.
- 7.5 The values used for calculating the cash settlement under Section 7.4 will include all proceeds received for the sale of the Gas by the Overproduced Party calculated at the Balancing Area, after deducting any production or severance taxes paid as well as any reasonable marketing, treating, gathering or transportation costs incurred directly in connection with the sale of the Overproduction.
- 7.5.1 (Optional For Valuation Under Percentage of Proceeds Contracts) For Overproduction sold under a gas purchase contract providing for payment based on a percentage of the proceeds obtained by the purchaser on resale of residue gas and liquid hydrocarbons extracted at a gas processing plant, the values used for calculating cash settlement will include proceeds received by the Overproduced Party for both the liquid hydrocarbons and the residue gas attributable to the Overproduction.
- 7.5.2 ☐ (Optional Valuation for Processed Gas Option 1) For Overproduction processed for the account of the Overproduced Party at a gas processing plant for the extraction of liquid hydrocarbons, the full quantity of the Overproduction will be valued for purposes of cash settlement at the prices received by the Overproduced Party for the sale of the residue gas attributable to the Overproduction without regard to proceeds attributable to liquid hydrocarbons which may have been extracted from the Overproduction.
- 7.5.2 (Optional Valuation for Processed Gas Option 2) For Overproduction processed for the account of the Overproduced Party at a gas processing plant for the extraction of liquid hydrocarbons, the values used for calculating cash settlement will include the proceeds received by the Overproduced Party for the sale of the liquid hydrocarbons extracted from the Overproduction, less the actual reasonable costs incurred by the Overproduced Party to process the Overproduction and to transport, fractionate and handle the liquid hydrocarbons extracted therefrom before sale.
- 7.6 To the extent the Overproduced Party did not sell all Overproduction under an Arm's Length Agreement, the cash settlement will be based on the weighted average price received by the Overproduced Party for any gas sold from the Balancing Area under Arm's Length Agreements during the months to which such Overproduction is attributed. In the event that no sales under Arm's Length Agreements were made during any such month, the cash settlement for such month will be based on the simple average of the spot sales prices published for the applicable geographic area in the first issue of Inside F.E.R.C.'s Gas Market Report, *Natural Gas Week and Natural Gas Intelligence for such month. Should these publications cease to exist, a mutually acceptable pricing bulletin shall be used. * published by McGraw Hill for deliveries at Henry Hub, subject to reasonable base adjustments between the point of delivery to the applicable pipeline transportation system and the point at which the index price applies

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rate of interest applicable to the Balancing Area, whichever is less, will accrue for all amounts due under Section 7.1 beginning the first day following the date payment is due pursuant to Section 7.3. Such interest shall be borne by the Operator or any Overproduced Party in the proportion that their respective delays beyond the deadlines set out in Sections 7.2 and 7.3 contributed to the accrual of the interest.

7.8 In lieu of the cash settlement required by Section 7.3, an Overproduced Party may deliver to the Underproduced Party an offer to settle its Overproduction in-kind and at such rates, quantities, times and sources as may be agreed on by the Underproduced Party. If the Parties are unable to agree on the manner in which such in-kind settlement gas will be furnished within ninety (90) days after the Overproduced Party's offer to settle in kind, which period may be extended by agreement of said Parties, the Overproduced Party shall make a cash settlement as provided in Section 7.3. The making of an in-kind settlement offer under this Section 7.8 will not delay the accrual of interest on the cash settlement should the Parties fail to reach agreement on an in-kind settlement.

7.9 (Optional Interim Cash Balancing) At any time during the term of this Agreement, any Overproduced Party may, in its sole discretion, make cash settlement(s) with the Underproduced Parties covering all or part of its outstanding Gas imbalance, provided that such settlements must be made with all Underproduced Parties proportionately based on the relative imbalances of the Underproduced Parties, and provided further that such settlements may not be made more often than once every twenty-four (24) months. Such settlements will be calculated in the same manner provided above for final cash settlements. The Overproduced Party will provide Operator a detailed accounting of any such cash settlement within thirty (30) days after the settlement is made.

8. TESTING

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, any Party shall have the right, from time to time, to produce and take up to one hundred percent (100%) of a well's entire Gas stream to meet the reasonable deliverability test(s) required by such Party's Gas purchaser, and the right to take any Makeup Gas shall be subordinate to the right of any Party to conduct such tests; provided, however, that such tests shall be conducted in accordance with prudent operating practices only after thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Operator and shall last no longer than seventy-two (72) hours. Consent of parties then taking all or any part of their share of gas shall be required to conduct testing during Winter Period.

9. OPERATING COSTS (Intentionally Deleted)

10. LIQUIDS

The Parties shall share proportionately in and own all liquid hydrocarbons recovered with Gas by field equipment operated for the joint account in accordance with their Percentage Interests in the Balancing Area.

11. AUDIT RIGHTS

Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement or any other agreement between the Parties hereto, and further notwithstanding any termination or cancellation of this Agreement, for a period of two (2) years from the end of the calendar year in which any information to be furnished under Section 5 or 7 hereof is supplied, any Party shall have the right to audit the records of any other Party regarding quantity, including but not limited to information regarding Btu-content. Any Underproduced Party shall have the right for a period of two (2) years from the end of the calendar year in which any cash settlement is received pursuant to Section 7 to audit the records of any Overproduced Party as to all matters concerning values, including but not limited to information regarding prices and disposition of Gas from the Balancing Area. Any such audit shall be conducted at the expense of the Party or Parties desiring such audit, and shall be conducted, after reasonable notice, during normal business hours in the office of the Party whose records are being audited. Each Party hereto agrees to maintain records as to the volumes and prices of Gas sold each month and the volumes of Gas used in its own operations, along with the Royalty paid on any such Gas used by a Party in its own operations. The audit rights provided for in this Section 11 shall be in addition to those provided for in Section 5.2 of this Agreement, but any statements rendered by Operator shall conclusively be presumed to be true and correct after twenty-four (24) months following the end of any such calendar year, unless with the said twenty-four (24) month period an Underproduced Party takes written exception thereto and makes claim on Overproduced Party for adjustment.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

12.1 As between the Parties, in the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and the provisions of any gas sales contract, or in the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and the provisions of the Lease, the provisions of this Agreement shall govern.

12.2 Each Party agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless all other Parties from and against any and all liability for any claims, which may be asserted by any third party which now or hereafter stands in a contractual relationship with such indemnifying Party and which arise out of the operation of this Agreement or any activities of such indemnifying Party under the provisions of this Agreement, and does further agree to save the other Parties harmless from all judgments or damages sustained and costs incurred in connection therewith.

12.3 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, Operator is authorized to administer the provisions of this

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Agreement, but shall have no liability to the other Parties for losses sustained or liability incurred which arise out of or in connection with the performance of Operator's duties hereunder, except such as may result from Operator's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Operator shall not be liable to any Underproduced Party for the failure of any Overproduced Party, (other than Operator) to pay any amounts owed pursuant to the terms hereof.

12.4 This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for as long as the Lease shall remain in force and effect as to the Balancing Area, and thereafter until the Gas accounts between the Parties are settled in full, and shall inure to the benefit of and be binding on the Parties hereto, and their respective heirs, successors, legal representatives and assigns, if any. The Parties hereto agree to give notice of the existence of this Agreement to any successor in interest of any such Party and to provide that any such successor shall be bound by this Agreement, and shall further make any transfer of any interest subject to the Lease, or any part thereof, also subject to the terms of this Agreement.

12.5 Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, words used in the singular include the plural, the plural includes the singular, and the neuter gender includes the masculine and the feminine.

12.6 In the event that any "Optional" provision of this Agreement is not adopted by the Parties to this Agreement by a typed, printed or handwritten indication, such provision shall not form a part of this Agreement, and no inference shall be made concerning the intent of the Parties in such event. In the event that any "Alternative" provision of this Agreement is not so adopted by the Parties, Alternative 1 in each such instance shall be deemed to have been adopted by the Parties as a result of any such omission. In those cases where it is indicated that an Optional provision may be used only if a specific Alternative is selected: (i) an election to include said Optional provision shall not be effective unless the Alternative in question is selected; and (ii) the election to include said Optional provision must be expressly indicated hereon, it being understood that the selection of an Alternative either expressly or by default as provided herein shall not, in and of itself, constitute an election to include an associated Optional provision.

12.7 This Agreement shall bind the Parties in accordance with the provisions hereof, and nothing herein shall be construed or interpreted as creating any rights in any person or entity not a signatory hereto, or as being a stipulation in favor of any such person or entity.

12.8 If contemporaneously with this Agreement becoming effective, or thereafter, any Party requests that any other Party execute an appropriate memorandum or notice of this Agreement in order to give third parties notice of record of same and submits same for execution in recordable form, such memorandum or notice shall be duly executed by the Party to which such request is made and delivered promptly thereafter to the Party making the request. On receipt, the Party making the request shall cause the memorandum or notice to be duly recorded in the appropriate real property or other records affecting the Balancing Area.

12.9 In the event federal tax regulations require a uniform method of computing taxable income by all Parties, the Parties agree to negotiate in good faith to develop such a uniform method that is in accordance with the requirement of said tax regulations.

13. ASSIGNMENT AND RIGHTS ON ASSIGNMENT

13.1 Subject to the provisions of Sections 13.2 (if elected) and 13.3 hereof, and notwithstanding anything in this Agreement or in the Operating Agreement to the contrary, if any Party assigns (including any sale, exchange or other transfer) any of its working interest in the Balancing Area when such Party is an Underproduced or Overproduced Party, the assignment or other act of transfer shall, insofar as the Parties hereto are concerned, include all interest of the assigning or transferring Party in the Gas, all rights to receive or obligations to provide or take Makeup Gas and all rights to receive or obligations to make any monetary payment which may ultimately be due hereunder, as applicable. Operator and each of the other Parties hereto shall thereafter treat the assignment accordingly, and the assigning or transferring Party shall look solely to its assignee or other transferee for any interest in the Gas or monetary payment that such Party may have or to which it may be entitled, and shall cause its assignee or other transferee to assume its obligations hereunder.

13.2 ■ (Optional - Cash Settlement on Assignment) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement (including but not limited to the provisions of Section 13.1 hereof) or in the Operating Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the provisions of Section 13.3 hereof, in the event an Overproduced Party intends to sell, assign, exchange or otherwise transfer any of its interest in a Balancing Area, such Overproduced Party shall notify in writing the other working interest owners who are Parties hereto in such Balancing Area of such fact at least sixty(_ <u>60</u>) days transaction. Such notice shall contain a preliminary gas settlement statement detailing the quantity of Overproduction owed by the Overproduced Party to each Underproduced Party and the value of such Overproduction, calculated in accordance with Section 7.4 and 7.6 hereof. Thereafter, any Underproduced Party may demand from such Overproduced Party _) days after receipt of the Overproduced Party's notice, a cash settlement of its 60 sixty Underproduction from the Balancing Area. The Operator shall be notified of any such demand and of any cash settlement pursuant to this Section 13, and the Overproduction and Underproduction of each Party shall be adjusted accordingly. Any cash settlement pursuant to this Section 13 shall be paid by the Overproduced Party on or before the earlier to occur (i) of sixty (60) days after receipt of the Underproduced Party's demand or (ii) within 120 days after the closing of the transaction in which the Overproduced Party sells, assigns, exchanges or otherwise transfers its interest in a Balancing Area on the same basis as otherwise set forth in

Sections 7.3 through 7.6 hereof, and shall bear interest at the rate set forth in Section 7.7 hereof, beginning sixty (60) days following the 121st day after closing of

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after the Overproduced Party's sale, assignment, exchange or transfer of its interest in the Balancing Area for any amounts not paid. Provided, however, if any Underproduced Party does not so demand such cash settlement of its Underproduction from the Balancing Area, such Underproduced Party shall look exclusively to the assignee or other successor in interest of the Overproduced Party giving notice hereunder for the satisfaction of such Underproduced Party's Underproduction in accordance with the provisions of Section 13.1 hereof.

13.3 The provisions of this Section 13 shall not be applicable in the event any Party mortgages its interest or disposes of its interest by merger, reorganization, consolidation or sale of substantially all its assets to a subsidiary or parent company, or to any company in which any parent or subsidiary of such Party owns a majority of the stock of such company.

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EXHIBIT "F"

Attached to	and m	ade a part of that c	ertain Offshore Operating Agre	eement dated effective	
	, 20,	by and between _	, as Operator, a	and, as ̄	Non-
Operators.		_			

MEMORANDUM OF OPERATING AGREEMENT AND FINANCING STATEMENT

	To be filed in the conveyance records and in the mortgage records and as a non-standard financing statement in accordance with Paragraph 6.0 herein.
1.0	This Memorandum of Operating Agreement and Financing Statement (this "Memorandum") is effective as of the effective date of the Operating Agreement referred to in Paragraph 2.0 below and is executed by the undersigned, duly authorized representative of [] (the "Operator"), and is executed by the undersigned, duly authorized representatives of [], and [], the "Non-Operators"). Operator and Non-Operators may be referred to herein individually as a "Party" and together as the "Parties".
2.0	The Operator and Non-Operators are Parties to that certain Operating Agreement effective, 20 (the "Operating Agreement"), which Operating Agreement provides for the exploration, development and operation of the oil and gas leases described in Exhibit "A" of the Operating Agreement (hereinafter called the "Contract Area") and which designates], as the Operator, to conduct such operations for itself and the Non-Operators.
3.0	Among other provisions, the Operating Agreement (a) provides for certain liens, mortgages, pledges and security interests to secure payment by the Parties of their respective share of costs and other obligations under the Operating Agreement, (b) contains an Accounting Procedure, which establishes, among other things, interest to be charged on indebtedness, certain costs, and other expenses under the Operating Agreement at the rate set forth therein, and (c) includes non-consent clauses which establish that Parties who elect not to participate in certain operations shall (i) be deemed to have relinquished their interest in production until the carrying consenting Parties recover their costs of such operations plus a specified amount or (ii) forfeit their interest in certain Contract Area or portions thereof involved in such operations.
4.0	The Operator hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the Operating Agreement is on file and is available for inspection by third parties at the offices of the Operator at the address set forth in this Memorandum.
5.0	In addition to any other security rights and remedies provided for by law with respect to services rendered or materials and equipment furnished under the Operating Agreement, for and in consideration of the covenants and mutual undertakings of the Operator and the Non-Operators set forth in the Operating Agreement, the Operator and the Non-Operators hereby agree as follows:

5.1 To secure the performance of and payment by the Non-Operators of all obligations and indebtedness of the Non-Operators pursuant to the Operating Agreement, whether now

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owed or hereafter arising, and to the extent susceptible under applicable law, the Non-Operators hereby grants to the Operator a mortgage, hypothec, and pledge of and over all of its rights, titles, and interests in and to (a) the Contract Area, (b) the oil and gas in, on, under, and that may be produced from the lands covered by the Contract Area, and (c) all other immovable property susceptible of mortgage situated within the Contract Area.

5.2 To secure the performance of and payment by the Non-Operators of all obligations and indebtedness of the Non-Operators pursuant to the Operating Agreement, whether now owed or hereafter arising, and to the extent susceptible under applicable law, the Non-Operators hereby grant to the Operator a continuing security interest in and to all of its rights, titles, interests, claims, general intangibles, proceeds, and products thereof, whether now existing or hereafter acquired, in and to (a) all oil and gas produced from the lands covered by the Contract Area or attributable to the Contract Area when produced, (b) all accounts receivable accruing or arising as a result of the sale of such oil and gas (including, without limitation, accounts arising from gas imbalances or from the sale of oil and gas at the wellhead), (c) all cash or other proceeds from the sale of such oil and gas once produced, and (d) all platforms, wells, facilities, fixtures, other corporeal property, whether movable or immovable, whether now or hereafter placed on the property covered by the Contract Area or maintained or used in connection with the ownership, use, or exploitation of the Contract Area, and other surface and subsurface equipment of any kind or character located on or attributable to the Contract Area, and the cash or other proceeds realized from any sale, transfer, disposition or conversion thereof. The interest of the Non-Operators in and to the oil and gas produced from or attributable to the Contract Area when extracted and the accounts receivable accruing or arising as the result of the sale thereof shall be financed at the wellhead of the well or wells located on the Contract Area. To the extent permissible under applicable law, the security interest granted by the Non-Operators hereunder covers (i) all substitutions, replacements, and accessions to the property of the Non-Operators described herein and is intended to cover all of the rights, titles, and interests of the Non-Operators in all movable property now or hereafter located upon or used in connection with the Contract Area, whether corporeal or incorporeal, (ii) all rights under any gas balancing agreement, farmout rights, option farmout rights, acreage and cash contributions, and conversion rights of the Non-Operators in connection with the Contract Area, or the oil and gas produced from or attributable to the Contract Area, whether now owned or existing or hereafter acquired or arising, including, without limitation, all interests of the Non-Operators in any partnership, tax partnership, limited partnership, association, joint venture, or other entity or enterprise that holds, owns, or controls any interest in the Contract Area, and (iii) all rights, claims, general intangibles, and proceeds, whether now existing or hereafter acquired, of the Non-Operators in and to the contracts, agreements, permits, licenses, rights-of-way, and similar rights and privileges that relate to or are appurtenant to any of the Contract Area, including the following:

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- all rights, titles, and interests of the Non-Operators, whether now owned and existing or hereafter acquired or arising, in, to, and under or derived from any present or future operating, farmout, bidding, pooling, unitization, and communitization agreements, assignments, and subleases, whether or not described in Attachment "1," to the extent, and only to the extent, that such agreements, assignments, and subleases cover or include any of its rights, titles, and interests, whether now owned and existing or hereafter acquired or arising, in and to all or any portion of the Contract Area, and all units created by any such pooling, unitization, and communitization agreements, and all units formed under orders, regulations, rules, or other official acts of any governmental authority having jurisdiction, to the extent and only to the extent that such units cover or include all or any portion of the Contract Area;
- (2) all rights, titles, and interests of the Non-Operators, whether now owned and existing or hereafter acquired or arising, in, to, and under or derived from all presently existing and future advance payment agreements, and oil, casinghead gas, and gas sales, exchange, and processing contracts and agreements, including, without limitation, those contracts and agreements that are described on Attachement "1" to the extent, and only to the extent, that those contracts and agreements cover or include all or any portion of the Contract Area; and
- (3) all rights, titles, and interests of the Non-Operators, whether now owned and existing or hereafter acquired or arising, in, to, and under or derived from all existing and future permits, licenses, rights-of-way, and similar rights and privileges that relate to or are appurtenant to any of the Contract Area.
- As applicable to the jurisdiction of operations under the Operating Agreement, this Memorandum (including a carbon, photographic, or other reproduction thereof and hereof) shall constitute a non-standard form of financing statement under the terms of Chapter 9 of the Louisiana Commercial Laws, La. R.S. 10:9-101 et seq. (the "Uniform Commercial Code," as adopted in the State of Louisiana) and, as such, for the purposes of the security interest in favor of the Operator, may be filed for record in the office of the Clerk of Court of any parish in the State of Louisiana and/or any county in the State of Texas, as applicable, with the Operator being the secured party and the Non-Operators being the debtors with respect to such filing.
- 5.4 The maximum amount for which the mortgage herein granted by the Non-Operators shall be deemed to secure the obligations and indebtedness of such Non-Operators to the Operator as stipulated herein is hereby fixed in an amount equal to Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) (the "Limit of the Mortgage of the Non-Operators"). Except as provided in the previous sentence (and then only to the extent such limitations are required by law), the entire amount of obligations and indebtedness of the Non-Operators to the Operator is secured hereby without limitation. Notwithstanding the foregoing Limit of the Mortgage of the Non-Operators, the liability of the Non-Operators under this Memorandum and the mortgage and security interest granted hereby shall be limited to (and the Operator shall not be entitled to enforce the same against the Non-Operators for, an amount exceeding) the actual obligations and

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indebtedness (including all interest charges, Costs, attorneys' fees, and other charges provided for in this Memorandum or in the Operating Agreement) outstanding and unpaid and that are attributable to or charged against the interest of the Non-Operators pursuant to the Operating Agreement.

- 5.5 To secure the performance of and payment by the Operator of all obligations and indebtedness of the Operator pursuant to the Operating Agreement, whether now owed or hereafter arising, and to the extent susceptible under applicable law, the Operator hereby grants to the Non-Operators a mortgage, hypothec, and pledge of and over all of its rights, titles, and interests in and to (a) the Contract Area, (b) the oil and gas in, on, under, and that may be produced from the lands included within the Contract Area, and (c) all other immovable property susceptible of mortgage situated within the Contract Area.
- 5.6 To secure the performance of and payment by the Operator of all obligations and indebtedness of the Operator pursuant to the Operating Agreement, whether now owed or hereafter arising, and to the extent susceptible under applicable law, the Operator hereby grants to the Non-Operators a continuing security interest in and to all of its rights, titles, interests, claims, general intangibles, proceeds, and products thereof. whether now existing or hereafter acquired, in and to (a) all oil and gas produced from the lands covered by the Contract Area or attributable to the Contract Area when produced, (b) all accounts receivable accruing or arising as a result of the sale of such oil and gas (including, without limitation, accounts arising from gas imbalances or from the sale of oil and gas at the wellhead), (c) all cash or other proceeds from the sale of such oil and gas once produced, and (d) all platforms, wells, facilities, fixtures, other corporeal property, whether movable or immovable, whether now or hereafter placed on the property covered by the Contract Area or maintained or used in connection with the ownership, use or exploitation of the Contract Area, and other surface and subsurface equipment of any kind or character located on or attributable to the Contract Area and the cash or other proceeds realized from any sale, transfer, disposition or conversion thereof. The interest of the Operator in and to the oil and gas produced from or attributable to the Contract Area when extracted and the accounts receivable accruing or arising as the result of the sale thereof shall be financed at the wellhead of the well or wells located on the Contract Area. To the extent permissible under applicable law, the security interest granted by the Operator hereunder covers (a) all substitutions, replacements, and accessions to the property of the Operator described herein and is intended to cover all of the rights, titles and interests of the Operator in all movable property now or hereafter located upon or used in connection with the Contract Area, whether corporeal or incorporeal, (b) all rights under any gas balancing agreement, farmout rights, option farmout rights, acreage and cash contributions, and conversion rights of the Operator in connection with the Contract Area, or the oil and gas produced from or attributable to the Contract Area, whether now owned or existing or hereafter acquired or arising, including, without limitation, all interests of the Operator in any partnership, tax partnership, limited partnership, association, joint venture, or other entity or enterprise that holds, owns, or controls any interest in the

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Contract Area, and (c) all rights, claims, general intangibles, and proceeds of the Operator, whether now existing or hereafter acquired, in and to the contracts, agreements, permits, licenses, rights-of-way, and similar rights and privileges that relate to or are appurtenant to any of the Contract Area, including the following:

- (i) all rights, titles, and interests of the Operator, whether now owned and existing or hereafter acquired or arising, in, to, and under or derived from any present or future operating, farmout, bidding, pooling, unitization, and communitization agreements, assignments, and subleases, whether or not described in Attachment "1," to the extent, and only to the extent, that such agreements, assignments, and subleases cover or include any of its rights, titles, and interests, whether now owned and existing or hereafter acquired or arising, in and to all or any portion of the Contract Area, and all units created by any such pooling, unitization, and communitization agreements and all units formed under orders, regulations, rules, or other official acts of any governmental authority having jurisdiction, to the extent and only to the extent that such units cover or include all or any portion of the Contract Area;
- (ii) all rights, titles, and interests of the Operator, whether now owned and existing or hereafter acquired or arising, in, to, and under or derived from all presently existing and future advance payment agreements, and oil, casinghead gas, and gas sales, exchange, and processing contracts and agreements, including, without limitation, those contracts and agreements that are described on Attachment "1" to the extent, and only to the extent, that those contracts and agreements cover or include all or any portion of the Contract Area; and
- (iii) all rights, titles, and interests of the Operator, whether now owned and existing or hereafter acquired or arising, in, to, and under or derived from all existing and future permits, licenses, rights-of-way, and similar rights and privileges that relate to or are appurtenant to any of the Contract Area.
- 5.7 For the purposes of the security interest in favor of the Non-Operators, this Memorandum (including a carbon, photographic, or other reproduction thereof and hereof) may be filed as a non-standard form of financing statement pursuant to the Uniform Commercial Code in the office of the Clerk of Court of any parish in the State of Louisiana and/or any county in the State of Texas, as applicable, with the Non-Operators being the secured Party and the Operator being the debtor with respect to such filing.
- The maximum amount for which the mortgage herein granted shall be deemed to secure the obligations and indebtedness of the Operator to the Non-Operators as stipulated herein is hereby fixed in an amount equal to Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) in the aggregate (the "Limit of the Mortgage of the Operator"), irrespective of the total number of Non-Operators party to the Operating Agreement at any time. Except as provided in the previous sentence (and then only to the extent such limitations are required by law), the entire amount of obligations and indebtedness of the Operator to the Non-Operators is secured hereby without limitation.

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Notwithstanding the foregoing Limit of the Mortgage of the Operator, the liability of the Operator under this Memorandum and the mortgage and security interest granted hereby shall be limited to (and the Non-Operators shall not be entitled to enforce the same against Operator for, an amount exceeding) the actual obligations and indebtedness (including all interest charges, Costs, attorneys' fees, and other charges provided for in this Memorandum or in the Operating Agreement) outstanding and unpaid and that are attributable to or charged against the interest of the Operator pursuant to the Operating Agreement.

- As applicable to the jurisdiction of operations under the Operating Agreement, to serve as notice of the existence of the Operating Agreement as a burden on the title of the Operator and the Non-Operators to their interests in and to the Contract Area, and for purposes of satisfying otherwise relevant recording and filing requirements of applicable law, this Memorandum is to be filed or recorded, as the case may be, in (a) the conveyance records of the parish or parishes in which the lands included within the Contract Area are located or adjacent pursuant to La. R.S. 9:2731 et seq., and/or the conveyance records of the county or counties in which the lands included in the Contract Area or located or adjacent (b) the mortgage records of such parish or parishes and/or county or counties, and (c) the appropriate Uniform Commercial Code records. All parties to the Operating Agreement are identified on Attachment "1" hereto.
- 7.0 If performance of any obligation under the Operating Agreement or payment of any indebtedness created thereunder does not occur or is not made when due under the Operating Agreement or upon default of any covenant or condition of the Operating Agreement, in addition to any other remedy afforded by law, each Party to the Operating Agreement and any successor to such Party by assignment, operation of law, or otherwise, shall have, and is hereby given and vested with, the power and authority to foreclose the mortgage, pledge, and security interest established in its favor herein and in the Operating Agreement in the manner provided by law and to exercise all rights of a secured Party under the Uniform Commercial Code. If the Non-Operators do not pay its indebtedness or perform its obligations under the Operating Agreement when due, the Operator shall have the additional right to notify the purchaser or purchasers of the Non-Operator's production and collect such indebtedness out of the proceeds from the sale of the Non-Operator's share of production until the amount owed has been paid. The Operator shall have the right to offset the amount owed against the proceeds from the sale of the Non-Operator's share of production. Any purchaser of such production shall be entitled to rely on the Operator's statement concerning the amount of indebtedness owed by the Non-Operators and payment made to the Operator by any purchaser shall be binding and conclusive as between such purchaser and the Non-Operators.
- 8.0 Upon expiration of the Operating Agreement and the satisfaction of all obligations and indebtedness arising thereunder, the Operator, on behalf of all parties to the Operating Agreement, shall file of record an appropriate release and termination of all security and other rights created under the Operating Agreement and this Memorandum executed by all Parties to the Operating Agreement. Upon the filing of such release and termination instrument, all benefits and obligations under this Memorandum shall terminate as to all Parties who have executed or ratified this Memorandum. In addition, at any time prior to the filing of such

release and termination instrument, each of the Operator and the Non-Operators shall have the right to (i) file a continuation statement pursuant to the Uniform Commercial Code with respect to any financing statement filed in their favor under the terms of this Memorandum and (ii) reinscribe this act in the appropriate mortgage records.

- 9.0 It is understood and agreed by the Parties hereto that if any part, term, or provision of this Memorandum is held by the courts to be illegal or in conflict with any law of the state where made, the validity of the remaining portions or provisions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the Parties shall be construed and enforced as if the Memorandum did not contain the particular part, term, or provision held to be invalid.
- 10.0 This Memorandum shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective legal representatives, successors and permitted assigns. The failure of one or more persons owning an interest in the Contract Area to execute this Memorandum shall not in any manner affect the validity of the Memorandum as to those persons who execute this Memorandum.
- 11.0 A party having an interest in the Contract Area may ratify this Memorandum by execution and delivery of an instrument of ratification, adopting and entering into this Memorandum, and such ratification shall have the same effect as if the ratifying party had executed this Memorandum or a counterpart thereof. By execution or ratification of this Memorandum, such party hereby consents to its ratification and adoption by any party who acquires or may acquire any interest in the Contract Area.
- 12.0 This Memorandum may be executed or ratified in one or more counterparts and all of the executed or ratified counterparts shall together constitute one instrument. For purposes of recording in each of the records described in Paragraph 6 above, duplicate copies of this Memorandum with individual signature pages attached thereto may be filed of record, one copy of each to be indexed in the name of the Operator, as grantor, and one copy of each to be indexed in the name of the Non-Operators, as grantor, and duplicate copies of this Memorandum with individual signature pages attached thereto may be filed in the appropriate Uniform Commercial Code records, one filing for the Operator, as secured Party, and another filing for the Non-Operators, as secured Party. The respective addresses of the Operator, as both secured Party and debtor, and the Non-Operators, as both debtor and secured Party, at which information with respect to the security interests created in the Operating Agreement may be obtained, are set forth in Paragraph 1.0 of this Memorandum.
- 13.0 The Operator and the Non-Operators hereby agree to execute, acknowledge and deliver or cause to be executed, acknowledged and delivered, any instrument or take any action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the terms of the Operating Agreement or any Exhibit, instrument, certificate or other document pursuant thereto.
- 14.0 Whenever the context requires, reference herein made to the single number shall be understood to include the plural, and the plural shall likewise be understood to include the singular, and specific enumeration shall not exclude the general, but shall be construed as cumulative.

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Exhibit 15

Transition Services Agreement

TRANSITION SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Transition Services Agreement dated and effective as of ______, 202_ (the "Effective Date") (this "Agreement") is by and among [FIELDWOOD ENERGY II LLC], a Delaware limited liability company (the "Operator"), FIELDWOOD ENERGY I LLC, a Texas limited liability company ("Fieldwood Energy I") and GOM Shelf LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("GOM Shelf" and, together with Fieldwood Energy I, the "Owners", and each, an "Owner"). Operator and Owners are sometimes referred to collectively as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party".

WHEREAS, each Owner is the operator, as designated by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management of the United States Department of the Interior ("BOEM") or the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement of the United States Department of the Interior ("BSEE") or pursuant to a joint operating (or similar) agreement, of certain of the Assets (as defined below) (such Assets while operated by an Owner, the "Operated Assets");

WHEREAS, Fieldwood Energy I is a resulting entity of a divisive merger effected in connection with the confirmed plan of reorganization of Chapter 11 Case 20-33948, *In re: Fieldwood Energy LLC et al.*, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division (the "Plan");

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Plan, the Owners do not have, as of the date hereof, employees and require a third party to provide operational, technical, and administrative services for the Assets:

WHEREAS, Operator has agreed to provide certain operational, technical, and administrative services with respect to the Assets, upon the terms and conditions set forth herein, until the end of each respective Service Term (as defined below).

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual promises, covenants, conditions, and agreements contained herein, and for other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I. TRANSITION SERVICES

Section 1.1 <u>Services</u>. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, Operator shall provide or cause to be provided the transition services described on <u>Exhibit A</u> (collectively, the "<u>Services</u>") for all of Owners' assets (the "<u>Assets</u>") in accordance with the standard of performance set forth in <u>Section 1.2</u> below for the period, subject to the provisions of <u>ARTICLE V</u>, with respect to each Service (as to each Service, the "<u>Service Term</u>") set forth on <u>Exhibit A</u>.

Section 1.2 <u>Standard of Performance</u>. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, Operator shall perform or cause to be performed the Services (a) in substantially the same manner as such Services were provided by Fieldwood Energy LLC or its Affiliates with respect to the Assets prior to the date hereof, (b) as a reasonably prudent operator as the contract service provider hereunder would perform such Services, (c) in a good and workmanlike manner, (d) with due diligence and dispatch, (e) in accordance with good oilfield practices, and (f) in compliance with

all Laws (as defined below), licenses, authorizations and permits; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED HEREIN, IN NO EVENT SHALL OPERATOR HAVE ANY OBLIGATIONS OR LIABILITY TO ANY OWNER GROUP MEMBER EXCEPT FOR DAMAGES BOTH (I) ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT AND (II) CAUSED BY, ARISING OUT OF, OR RESULTING FROM THE GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF ANY MEMBER OF OPERATOR GROUP (AS **HEREIN DEFINED)**. For purposes of this Agreement, "Laws" means any and all applicable laws, statutes, codes, constitutions, ordinances, decrees, writs, injunctions, orders, judgments, principles of common law, rules, licenses, authorizations, or regulations (including environmental laws) that are promulgated, issued, or enacted by any Governmental Authority (as defined below) having jurisdiction. In providing the Services to the Owners, Operator may use, at its discretion, its own personnel or the personnel of any of its Affiliates or employ the services of contractors, subcontractors, vendors, or other third parties. For purposes of this Agreement, "Affiliates" with respect to a Party means any person or entity that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with such Party where control means the direct or indirect power to direct the management of the entity at issue. For the avoidance of doubt, neither of the Owners nor any of their subsidiaries shall constitute an Affiliate of Operator for purposes of this Agreement.

Independent Contractor. At all times during the performance of Services Section 1.3 by Operator, all persons performing such Services who shall be in the employ and/or under the control of Operator or its Affiliates (including agents, contractors, temporary employees, and consultants) shall be independent from each Owner and not employees of each Owner and shall not be entitled to any payment, benefit, or perquisite directly from Owners on account of such Services, including, but not limited to, group insurance and participation in any employee benefit and pension plans maintained by each Owner or any Affiliate of each Owner. Operator will not be required to provide any Services the provision of which would violate applicable Laws. Notwithstanding any other provision contained elsewhere in this Agreement, in all cases where the Operator is performing Services under this Agreement offshore the State of Louisiana or are otherwise covered by the Louisiana Worker's Compensation Act, La. Rev. Stat. § 23.1021 et seq., the Parties acknowledge and agree that all such operations pursuant to this Agreement are an integral part of and are essential to the ability of the Owners to generate Owners' goods, products, or services, and that whenever Services and work are performed hereunder in or offshore Louisiana, or the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Act may be applicable, the employees of Operator and their contractors providing such Services or performing such work, if any, whether direct, statutory, borrowed, or otherwise, are statutory employees of each Owner in accordance with the Louisiana Worker's Compensation Act, La. Rev. Stat. § 23.1021 et seq. and the protections afforded a statutory employer under Louisiana Law shall apply. In such event, Operator agrees that such Owner is and shall be deemed a statutory employer of Operator's employees for the sole purposes of La. Rev. Stat. § 23.1061(A)(3), as the same may be amended from time to time.

Section 1.4 <u>Records</u>. Operator shall use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain or cause to be maintained true and correct records of all receipts, invoices, reports, and such other documents as are customarily maintained by Operator for its own operations relating to each Service rendered hereunder for a period of the later of (i) three (3) years following the end of the calendar year during which the end of the Service Term for such Service occurs or (ii) such other

time required by applicable Law. All such receipts, invoices, reports, and other documents are the property of Owners.

Section 1.5 Representatives. Each Party shall, at all times during the Service Term, keep one or more representatives available either by telephone, electronic mail, or in person during normal business hours, to receive communications from the other Party regarding the day-to-day Services and to respond to inquiries concerning the performance of the day-to-day Services. For the avoidance of doubt, all Notices required or permitted hereunder shall be delivered pursuant to Section 7.2 of this Agreement. Operator's representatives are designated along with their contact information on Exhibit B. Each Owner's representative shall be the Sole Manager of Fieldwood Energy I. Each Party may replace any of its representatives or designate such other representatives from time to time by written notice to the other Parties delivered pursuant to Section 7.2. At all times while this Agreement remains in effect, each Owner shall cause at least one of its representatives to be included on such Owner's BOEM "qualification card" as an authorized signatory for such Owner.

Section 1.6 Limitation of Services.

- (a) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Owners acknowledge certain personnel of Operator and/or its Affiliates involved in the provision of the Services may leave the employment of such Operator and/or its Affiliates or terminate their employment or contract with such Operator or its Affiliates during the term of this Agreement. The Services shall not include providing any technical evaluations regarding any proposals for drilling, reworking, or other capital expenditure projects, or the new development of any assets which are proposed by Operator under the Farmout Agreement (as defined herein). Operator makes no representation or warranty regarding the ability of Operator and/or its Affiliates to retain any employees, contractors, or subcontractors and neither Operator nor any of its Affiliates shall have any liability to an Owner as to the result of the loss of any such employees, contractors, or subcontractors. Operator and its Affiliates shall use commercially reasonable efforts to report all information accurately, but shall not be responsible for the accuracy or completeness of any information furnished by any other party for inclusion in any reports or for results obtained by use of any inaccurate information so furnished.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement or the Agency Agreement (attached as Exhibit C hereto) to the contrary:
 - (i) Operator shall have no obligation to be designated with BOEM, BSEE, or any other applicable state, local, or federal governmental entity (each individually, a "Governmental Authority"; and collectively, "Governmental Authorities") as a designated operator, designated applicant, designated payor, or responsible party for any of the Assets;
 - (ii) Operator shall have no obligation to post any bond or other security on behalf of any Owner or to make any payment directly out of Operator's own funds for any Services;

- (iii) Operator shall have no obligation to provide any Service for which a third party is obligated or permitted (under a joint operating agreement, contract services agreement or otherwise) to provide the same service for the applicable Owner; provided, however, that Operator's use of a subcontractor to perform any part of the Services shall not excuse Operator from the obligation to perform such Services;
- (iv) each Owner acknowledges and agrees that it will remain responsible for having an authorized representative, and will cause at least one authorized representative to be, readily available (1) to sign and submit on its behalf various forms, filings, payments and other communications with BOEM, BSEE or other Governmental Authority with respect to the Assets and (2) to cooperate and coordinate with Operator with respect to the Services;
- (v) each Owner acknowledges and agrees that it will remain responsible for providing any bond or security, or subject to <u>Section 3.6</u>, making any payment, to any third party that may be required in connection with any Assets or Services; and
- (vi) if Operator co-owns any lease, right-of-way or other asset with an Owner, Operator shall not be required to provide any Services to (or provide any election for) such Owner in a manner different from what Operator provides for itself with respect to such co-owned asset.
- (vii) if Operator reasonably believes that it cannot perform any Service without creating a breach of an agreement to which an Owner is a party or an Asset is bound, and/or violating the Law, then Operator shall have no obligation to perform such Service and such Service shall no longer be included within the Services, and Operator shall give prompt, written notice of such issue to Owners, prior to the discontinuation of such Service, with detailed descriptions of the agreement in question and the breach and/or violation Operator believes will be created. In the event such possible breach and/or violation is cured or remedied within thirty (30) days following Owners' receipt of such notice, Operator may perform such Service only insofar as performance would not create the breach or violation.
- (c) In the performance of the Services, Operator must obtain consent of the applicable Owner(s) to perform any of the following actions on behalf of such Owner(s):
 - (i) make any payment to renew or extend a lease;
 - (ii) plug and abandon any well;
 - (iii) execute, amend, waive, release, extend, terminate, or otherwise modify any of the governmental approvals, leases, or other agreements related to the

- Assets (other than an agreement in the ordinary course of business with a service provider using agreements substantially in the form previously used or other forms reasonably approved by such Owner);
- (iv) (a) borrow or lend money; (b) participate in futures, derivatives, or hedging activities; (c) purchase or sell any of the Assets or transfer or dispose of any equipment, material or supplies on any Asset; (d) execute any indemnification, release, or waiver, except for standard indemnities, releases, and waivers that are included in normal and routine operational services contracts, (e) take any other action not in the ordinary course of business; (f) incur any cost or expense for geophysical items (including acquisition, processing, reprocessing, or interpretation); (g) make a capital or expense expenditure or series of related capital or expense expenditures in relation to any particular project of \$100,000 or more net to either Owner's interest, including, without limitation, expenditures for repair and maintenance projects and workover and recompletion projects; provided, however, this limitation does not apply to routine operational costs; or (h) assume, guarantee, or otherwise become liable or responsible (whether directly, contingently, or otherwise) for the liabilities of any other person or any indebtedness, except to the extent such assumptions, guarantees or otherwise becoming liable or responsible for the liabilities or indebtedness are standard obligations included in normal and routine operational services contracts; and
- (v) enter into any contract with respect to any of the foregoing in this <u>Section</u> 1.6.
- (d) The Services will be used by the Owners in connection with the operation of the Assets of Owners and, as necessary, to assist in the transition of the operation of the Assets to Owner or another service provider. All products of Services performed hereunder by Operator for Owners or otherwise in respect of the Assets shall belong exclusively to Owners, and Operator shall retain no ownership, interest, or rights therein.
- (e) Operator and each Owner shall use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain, and to keep and maintain in effect (or to cause their respective Affiliates to obtain, and to keep and maintain in effect), all governmental or third party licenses and consents required for the provision of any Service by Operator in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The direct, out-of-pocket costs relating to obtaining any such licenses or consents shall be borne by Owners; and none of Operator or any of its Affiliates shall be required to pay any money or other consideration or grant any other accommodation to any person (including any amendment to any contract) or initiate any action, suit, or proceeding against any person to obtain any such license or consent. Operator shall have no obligation to provide any Services which require any such licenses or consents which are not obtained. In the event Owners choose to pursue any action, suit, or proceeding against any person to obtain such license or consent, Operator shall use commercially reasonable efforts to assist Owner in such efforts; provided that Operator shall not be obligated to incur any out-of-pocket costs in providing such assistance.

- (f) The Parties are entering into that certain Farmout Agreement of even date herewith (the "Farmout Agreement"), and, therefore, any technical evaluation regarding any drilling, reworking, or other capital expenditure projects that may be proposed by Operator to Owners pursuant to the Farmout Agreement shall not constitute part of the Services to be provided hereunder. Costs and expenses included in the calculation of the Recovery Threshold (as defined in the Farmout Agreement) may not also be included in the costs charged to the Owners hereunder.
- Operator's Access to Assets. To the extent reasonably necessary for Section 1.7 Operator to perform the Services, Owners shall provide Operator unrestricted access to all the Operated Assets and, except to the extent prohibited by contract, all Seismic Data, Well Data, intellectual property and records included in the Assets and, upon Operator's reasonable request from time to time, shall cooperate with Operator in Operator's provision of Services. Operator agrees that it shall use such Operated Assets and the Seismic Data, Well Data, intellectual property and records included in the Assets only for the performance of the Services under this Agreement and for use under the Farmout Agreement; provided, however, Operator shall only be found to have breached this Section 1.7 if it uses such Operated Assets or such Seismic Data, Well Data, intellectual property, or records to (i) compete with Owner in Owner's business of the operation of the Assets where the Assets are located or (ii) to conduct activities that are not related to the Assets or the operation of the Owners' business. Nothing in this Section 1.7 shall restrict Operator's use of the Operated Assets and such Seismic Data, Well Data, intellectual property, and records to the extent Operator has the right to use such assets, data, and information pursuant to any other agreement between Operator and any Owner and to the extent Operator owns or has an interest in such assets, data, or information.

ARTICLE II. COMPENSATION

- Section 2.1 <u>Compensation for Services</u>. During the Service Term set forth on <u>Exhibit</u> <u>A</u> for each Service, each Owner shall pay to and reimburse Operator the amounts determined pursuant to <u>Section 3.1</u> below for the provision of the Services to such Owner.
- Assets shall be accounted for on behalf of the Owners. There shall be no separate charge by Operator relating to its overhead (including, but not limited to, head office overhead, field overhead, bonuses, and severances). For the avoidance of doubt, the costs to be paid by Owners to Operator pursuant to Section 3.1 are intended to compensate Operator fully for its overhead associated with the performance of Services. Nothing in this Section shall limit Operator's rights to collect and retain overhead with respect to properties co-owned by Operator or any of its Affiliates and an Owner that Operator operates on its own behalf.

ARTICLE III. PAYMENT AND DEFAULT

Section 3.1 <u>Submission of Invoice</u>. Operator shall submit a written invoice (the "<u>Invoice</u>") to Owners on or before the fifteenth (15th) Business Day of each month setting forth an itemized accounting of the actual costs incurred in the preceding month, or as applicable, the

preceding months for which an invoice was not issued, for the Services provided by Operator. For the purposes of this Agreement, "Business Day" shall mean any day other than a Saturday or a Sunday or a day on which federally chartered banking institutions in Houston, Texas, are authorized by Law to close, but for purposes of notices or other communications given hereunder, means before 4:00 p.m. on such day in the city of Houston, Texas.

For shared costs, such as salaried and hourly personnel, IT systems, and other office related infrastructure and overhead, Operator shall allocate those costs as follows:

(a) For "people" costs, Operator shall bill Owners for actual time incurred by its full-time employees in performing Services hereunder. The hourly rate of each Operator employee shall be equal to the annual payroll cost (including salary, vacation pay, target bonus, 401(k) match, and payroll taxes) of the employee divided by 2,080 hours. Any hours accrued and billed by third-party contractors must be approved by Owners in advance of incurring such costs.

For illustrative purposes, two actual employees are shown below:

								6%			
Empl(Operato	r	Vacation	Target			Target	401(k)			
ID	Office	Position	Hours	Bonus %	Salary	Vacation	Bonus	Match	Taxes	Total	Hourly
1692	TX	Revenue Accountant	160	15%	85,000	7,083	12,750	5,865	7,763	118,461	57 .00
2060	TX	Production Engineer	160	30%	145,000	12,083	43,500	11,310	11,872	223,765	108.00

(b) For all other shared costs, Operator shall bill Owners for the proportionate use in the performance of the Services hereunder. The proportionate use shall be determined by the Total Hours Billed divided by the Total Employee Hours. "Total Hours Billed" is equal to the total number of hours recorded by Operator's full-time employees in performing Services hereunder and "Total Employee Hours" is equal to Operator's average daily headcount of full-time employees performing Services hereunder during the applicable month multiplied by eight hours multiplied by the number of Business Days in the month.

All other shared costs includes the following:

- (i) IT-related costs (IT systems and software)
- (ii) Healthcare and other benefits (benefits cost and administration)
- (iii) Office supplies and other expenses
- (iv) Communications
- (v) Miscellaneous shared costs

For example, assuming an average daily headcount of 275 full-time employees performing Services hereunder and 20 Business Days in the applicable month, Total Employee Hours for the month would equal 44,000 hours (275 employees x 20 Business Days x 8 hours). If the Total Hours Billed for the month is 30,000, then the Owners' proportionate use would be 68%; and Operator would bill Owners for 68% of these other shared costs.

For the purposes of allocating the other shared costs, Operator shall require that its employees maintain detailed time records measured in 60 minute increments.

- (c) For direct pass-through costs, Operator shall bill Owners for the actual costs incurred for the performance of the Services. Direct pass-through costs shall include:
 - (i) Office rent plus operating expenses for the floors 16, 17, and 18 at the Briar Lake One Office in Houston, Texas;
 - (ii) Office rent plus operating expenses for seventy-five percent (75%) of the space leased by Operator at the Pinhook Tower in Lafayette, Louisiana;
 - (iii) Contracted professional fees (legal, audit, reserve engineering, etc.); and
 - (iv) Any other actual, out-of-pocket costs incurred that are identified as directly associated with the performance of the Services hereunder.

Section 3.2 Payment of Invoices. Absent manifest error in inclusion or omission of items or calculations contained in an Invoice (if there is a manifest error, Owners will correct such error and show such recalculation), the applicable Owner shall pay within fifteen (15) Business Days of such Owner's receipt of an Invoice the amounts invoiced to such Owner by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the bank account designated on the Invoice by Operator. Adjustment credits or debits shall be shown on the Invoice next succeeding the Invoice in which the adjustment is made. Operator shall provide reasonable back-up and supporting documents related to any Invoice within five (5) Business Days of an Owner's written request. Any preexisting obligation to make payment for the Services provided hereunder or out-of-pocket costs of Operator shall survive the termination of a Service and this Agreement until paid. Each Owner shall have access to and the right to audit all records supporting such Invoiced amounts for the period set forth in Section 1.4.

Payment Disputes. Owners may object to any invoiced amounts for any Section 3.3 Service at any time before, at the time of, or after payment is made; provided such objection is made in writing to Operator no later than sixty (60) days after receipt of such Invoice. Payment of any amount set forth in an Invoice shall not constitute approval thereof, or waive Owners' audit rights as set forth herein. The Parties shall meet as expeditiously as possible to resolve any dispute. If the Parties fail to reach agreement in writing as to any disputed amounts invoiced by Operator under Section 3.1 above within sixty (60) days after Operator's receipt of such objection, then upon written notice of dispute to the other Party, either Party may submit the matters that remain in dispute to Grant Thornton LLP (the "Accounting Referee") for review and final and binding resolution. If any person selected as Accounting Referee is unable or unwilling to serve as a referee hereunder, then the Accounting Referee shall be selected by lot from among the independent national accounting firms that have not represented any Party or its Affiliates at any time during the three-year period of time immediately preceding its designation hereunder. Owners and the Operator shall, not later than seven (7) days prior to the hearing date set by the Accounting Referee, each submit a written brief to the Accounting Referee (and a copy thereof simultaneously to the other Party) with dollar figures for settlement of the disputes as to any amounts owed by Operator. The hearing will be scheduled as soon as is acceptable to the Accounting Referee, but not earlier than seven (7) days after the date for submission of the settlement briefs, and shall be conducted

on a confidential basis. The Accounting Referee shall consider only those items or amounts which were identified in a notice in dispute delivered hereunder and which remain in dispute, together with the written briefs, and such other documents submitted therewith, and the Accounting Referee's decision resolving the matters in dispute shall be based upon and be consistent with the terms and conditions in this Agreement. In deciding any matter, the Accounting Referee (i) shall be bound by the provisions of this Section 3.3 and the related definitions and (ii) may not assign a value to any disputed item greater than the greatest value for such item claimed by either the Operator or Owners or less than the smallest value for such item claimed by the Operator or Owners in their respective calculations delivered hereunder. The Accounting Referee shall render a decision resolving the matters in dispute (which decision shall include a written statement of findings and conclusions) promptly after the conclusion of the hearing, unless the Parties reach agreement prior thereto and withdraw the dispute from the Accounting Referee. The Accounting Referee shall provide to the Parties an explanation in writing of the reasons for its decisions regarding the amounts disputed in the applicable notice. The decision of the Accounting Referee shall be (i) final and binding on the Parties and (ii) final and non-appealable for all purposes hereunder. The fees and expenses of the Accounting Referee under this Section 3.3 shall be borne one half by the Operator and one half by Owners. The fees and disbursements of Operator's independent auditors and other costs and expenses incurred in connection with the services performed with respect to any dispute under this Section 3.3 shall be borne by the Operator, and the fees and disbursements of Owners' independent auditors and other costs and expenses incurred in connection with the services performed with respect to any dispute under this Section 3.3 shall be borne by Owners.

Owner Default. It shall constitute a default on behalf of an Owner (an Section 3.4 "Owner Default") if such Owner fails to timely pay any Invoiced amount for Services provided pursuant to this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of this ARTICLE III or perform any covenants of such Owner under this Agreement or the Agency Agreement, which failure, in the case of a payment default, continues for at least fifteen (15) days following receipt of written notice to such Owner that such Invoiced amount is past due or, in all other instances, at least thirty (30) days following receipt of written notice to such Owner that such performance is required; provided, however, that if such Owner cannot reasonably cure such failure within such thirty (30) day period, no Owner Default shall be deemed to occur provided such Owner demonstrates that it has diligently taken reasonable steps to cure such failure within such thirty (30) day period and diligently prosecutes such cure to completion. Upon the occurrence of an Owner Default, Operator may, in addition to all other remedies available at Law or at equity, (i) suspend all or any portion of the provision of Services hereunder to the applicable Owner that is the subject of the Owner Default, including Services for which payment is outstanding, until such time as the Owner Default is cured and all unpaid, undisputed Invoiced amounts for Services to Operator under this Agreement for such suspended Services are paid in full or (ii) terminate this Agreement effective immediately (provided, however, that Operator may not terminate this Agreement for a specific Owner Default of non-payment (1) within thirty (30) days after Operator has provided written notice of such Owner Default to Apache Corporation ("Apache") or (2) if within such thirty (30)day period after the provision of notice to Apache, Operator is paid the applicable amount owing) and be entitled to any amounts owed to Operator by Owner hereunder together with interest on such amount at a rate equal to 5% per annum, calculated daily on the basis of a year of 365 days and the actual number of days elapsed (the "Rate") from the date due, until such undisputed

amounts, together with all accrued and unpaid interest thereon, are paid in full; provided, however, that Operator may not suspend or terminate Services reasonably determined by Operator to be critical to the safety of the operation of the subject Assets until such time as Operator can make the Assets safe for handover to Owners or their designee. All costs related to making the Assets safe for handover to Owners or their designee shall be borne by Owners in addition to any other amount due and owing to Operator.

Section 3.5 Operator Default. Subject to Section 3.4 above, it shall constitute a default on behalf of Operator (an "Operator Default") if Operator fails to provide a Service to an Owner in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, which failure is not by reason of an Owner Default or, subject to the requirements and limitations of Section 7.1, Force Majeure and continues for at least thirty (30) days following receipt of written notice to Operator; provided, however, that if Operator cannot reasonably cure such failure within such thirty (30) day period, no Operator Default shall be deemed to occur provided Operator demonstrates that it has diligently taken reasonable steps to cure such failure within such thirty (30) day period and diligently prosecutes such cure to completion. Upon the occurrence of an Operator Default, Owners may, in addition to any other rights or remedies available at law, in equity, or by contract, terminate this Agreement or specific Services provided hereunder within the time frame specified by Owners in a written notice to Operator so terminating this Agreement.

Third Person Services. Owners recognize that Operator may hire third Section 3.6 parties to provide certain portions of the Services and the Owners shall be responsible for the payment of amounts due to such third parties, which are incurred from and after the Effective Date with respect to the Assets, which payment shall be made either through the cash call mechanism described herein, through a direct payment to such third party, or as such may be included on an Invoice as contemplated herein. Operator may issue a cash-call to the applicable Owner in advance of the month in which such third-party costs will be incurred on behalf of such Owner, and such Owner shall pay such cash call within the later of (i) five (5) Business Days after receipt of the cash call and (ii) five (5) Business Days prior to the month in which payment is due to the third party. In the event Operator incurs costs not included in such cash call, such costs will be included in an Invoice, and the applicable Owner shall reimburse Operator at the same time and in the same manner as the payment described in Section 3.1. If the cash-call amount is more than the amount actually expended, Operator will credit the overpayment to the applicable Owner in the next Invoice or the next cash-call for future third party service costs, whichever occurs first. Any such Invoice or cash-call for which any overpayment has been applied shall reflect the credit for such overpayment at the time it is submitted to such Owner. For the avoidance of doubt, the costs charged to Owners under Section 3.1 of this Agreement are to compensate Operator for (i) the cost of its employees who are necessary in connection with those Services to be provided herein and (ii) other general and administrative costs that are necessary in connection with the Services to be provided herein, and such costs are not third-party costs for purposes of this Agreement. Costs to be reimbursed or prepaid pursuant to this Section 3.6 shall not be duplicative of Operator's other fees or reimbursements under this Agreement.

Section 3.7 <u>Sales Taxes</u>. Any sales, use, value-added or similar taxes paid hereunder for Services that Operator is required to pay or incur as a result of such Services shall be passed on to, and be the obligation of, the applicable Owner to which such Services are provided as an

explicit surcharge and shall be paid by such Owner in addition to any payments for Services as set forth in Section 3.1 above, whether included in the applicable Invoice, or added retroactively, such that the amount received by the Operator shall be as if no such taxes had been imposed. If such Owner submits to Operator a timely and valid resale or other exemption certificate sufficient to support the exemption from sales taxes, then such taxes will not be added to the invoices for Services payable pursuant to this <u>ARTICLE III</u>; provided, however, that if Operator is ever required to pay such taxes, such Owner will promptly reimburse Operator for such tax, including any interest, penalties, and attorney's fees assessed thereon by the applicable Government Authority. The Parties will cooperate to contest any invalid sales or use taxes imposed on the Services and to minimize the imposition of any such sales taxes.

Section 3.8 Notice to Apache of Owner Default. If an Owner Default relating to payment occurs and is not cured within the fifteen (15) or thirty (30), as applicable, day period allowed for Owner to cure such Owner Default as described in Section 3.4, then Operator shall submit a written notice to Apache providing reasonable detail of the Owner Default and the amount required to cure such Owner Default.

ARTICLE IV. TERM OF AGREEMENT

Section 4.1 Term. No Services shall be provided after the expiration of the Service Term with respect to such Services, except by the mutual written agreement of the Parties; provided, however, that this Agreement shall terminate in its entirety after the end of the Service Term of the Operating Services as described in Section 1.1 of Exhibit A. The Service Term with respect to certain Services may also be terminated prior to the expiration of the applicable Service Term by following the procedures set forth in ARTICLE V.

ARTICLE V. CESSATION OF SERVICES

Discontinuation of Services. The Owners acting jointly may, with or Section 5.1 without cause and for any or no reason, terminate the Service Term and discontinue any particular Service by giving Operator not less than ninety (90) days (or the lesser period, if any, as set forth in Exhibit A with respect to such Service) prior written notice of such discontinuation, to be effective on the last day of the month specified by Owners in their notice, which month shall not occur earlier than the third month following the date on which Owners have given Operator such written notice of termination. In the case of each discontinued or terminated Service, as applicable, Owners shall be liable to Operator for all costs, expenses, losses, and obligations Operator remains obligated to pay under the terms hereunder or under any other existing contract related to such Services, including as a result of such discontinuation or termination and including any and all actual, documented out-of-pocket amounts reasonably incurred by Operator solely arising from the discontinuation, winding down or termination of such Services hereunder, provided that, Operator shall provide Owners with a notice of a preliminary estimate of such costs within thirty (30) days of its receipt of the applicable notice of discontinuance or termination. The Operator may, with or without cause, terminate the Service Term for the Services as a whole by giving Owners not less than one hundred eighty (180) days prior written notice of such discontinuation,

to be effective on the last day of the month specified by Operator in its notice, which month shall not occur earlier than the sixth month following the date on which Operator has given Owners such written notice of termination; provided, however, if the Owners are able to transition the performance of Services to a new provider prior to the expiration of such time period, Owners and Operator may mutually agree to terminate the Services prior to the expiration of such one hundred eighty (180) day period. Operator shall provide commercially reasonable assistance to Owners in transitioning the performance of the Services to a third party or to Owners; provided that the applicable compensation for Services so transitioned shall continue until the termination thereof in accordance herewith and Owners shall pay any actual, documented out-of-pocket costs incurred for the transition of such Services.

Section 5.2 **Termination Fee.** The Parties agree and acknowledge that Operator will be damaged in the event Owners terminate any particular Service or this Agreement pursuant to Section 5.1 within six (6) months of the Effective Date and that such damages would be difficult or impossible to calculate. In such event, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, Owners will pay to Operator, in addition to the amounts payable by Owners under Section 5.1, an early termination fee equal to the lesser of (i) Three Million Three Hundred Thousand U.S. Dollars \$3,300,000.00 and (ii) the amount of severance for each employee who provided the particular Services related to the Assets whose employment with Operator is severed as a result of the termination of this Agreement by Owners pursuant to Section 5.1, which amount shall be the equivalent sum of two (2) month's salary for each severed employee, based on the monthly salary of the pertinent employee of Fieldwood Energy LLC as in effect on October 1, 2020. Upon request by Owners, Operator shall provide Owners with an estimate of the amount of the severance payments it anticipates with respect to clause (ii) in the preceding sentence. Within thirty (30) days from receipt by Operator of the notice of termination from Owners provided in Section 5.1, Operator will provide Owners a list of the applicable employees who are to be severed from their employment with Operator and their salaries.

Section 5.3 <u>Procedures Upon Discontinuation or Termination of Services</u>. Upon the discontinuation or termination of all Services hereunder, this Agreement shall terminate and be of no further force and effect, except as to obligations accrued prior to the date of discontinuation or termination; provided, however, that <u>ARTICLES VI</u> and <u>VII</u>, <u>Section 1.4</u>, the second sentence of <u>Section 1.7</u>, and Owners' audit rights under <u>Section 3.2</u> of this Agreement shall survive such discontinuation or termination.

Section 5.4 <u>Transition of Operations</u>. During the applicable notice period provided in <u>Section 5.1</u> and subject to the next sentence, Operator shall deliver all documents, records, and other data to the extent included in the Assets that are in the Operator's possession, including, without limitation, information, data, know-how, interpretations, contracts, and other rights and privileges with respect to each Owner's wells, production, leases, and all Evaluation Data, Seismic Data, and Well Data, to the applicable Owner of such Assets or its designee in a timely, practical manner; provided, however, if the delivery of any such data or material would be a breach of any agreement between Operator and a third party, Operator may withhold delivery of such data and material and shall provide notice to Owners of the reasons for such withholding; provided, further, that Operator may keep copies of any documents, records, and other data included in the Operated Assets that are co-owned between the Operator and Owner (with Owner being provided the

originals of such documents, records, and other data) and Operator may keep copies of any documents, records, or other data included in any other Assets in which Operator also has an interest. If Owners are able to overcome any such potential breach, Operator shall promptly deliver such data and materials to Owners. During the term of this Agreement, Operator shall not enter into any agreement(s) hereunder for the benefit or use of Owners or in connection with Owners' assets that prohibits assignment of such agreement to Owners. If such documents, records, or data pertain to the Assets and to other properties owned by Operator that are not included in the Assets, then Operator (i) is not required to deliver any portions of such documents, records, or data that relate to assets or properties other than the Assets and (ii) may retain copies of such documents, records, or data to the extent such relates to the assets or properties that are not part of the Assets, or Operator owns or has interest in such documents, records, or data. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Operator may retain copies of any documents, records, or data pertaining to Assets for which Operator (i) has submitted a Proposal (as such term is defined in the Farmout Agreement) that has not been rejected, withdrawn, deemed withdrawn, or terminated under the Farmout Agreement or (ii) is conducting or has conducted a Project (as such term is defined in the Farmout Agreement) pursuant to the Farmout Agreement. The Parties agree to preserve as a priority during any transition of operations the safety of individuals and the environment in compliance with all Laws and Governmental Authorities. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "Evaluation Data" shall mean Seismic Data and other data and information relating to the Assets including, without limitation, to the extent applicable, relevant geological and geophysical interpretations and information, including the most recent reports, interpretations, and maps, and all specialty processing and analysis of Seismic Data (e.g., migration, AVO, etc.); the term "Seismic Data" shall mean any and all seismic data, two-dimensional multifold seismic data, threedimensional seismic data, stacked and migrated processed sections, digital field tapes, stacked tapes, support data relating thereto, stick and quality control segments, receiver and bin center locations, stacking velocities, shothole drilling information, digital shotpoint locations, magnetic, surface, and other surveys, seismic sections, surface and subsurface maps, plats, charts, and any interpretations of the foregoing, or other like information customarily used in connection with oil and/or gas exploration; and the term "Well Data" shall mean any logs, core samples, other geological and geophysical data or similar data created during drilling operations, any engineering records or reports (including wellbore schematics), any drilling records or reports (including detailed daily drilling reports) and any related reports filed with the BOEM or BSEE.

Section 5.5 Marketing Contracts. Upon termination of this Agreement pursuant to the terms hereof, to the extent Operator is the owner of such contracts or agreements, Operator shall immediately assign to Fieldwood Energy I its rights to all contracts or agreements related to the Marketing Services described on Exhibit A hereto and take such actions as may be reasonably necessary to obtain any required consents for such assignments; provided, however, that Operator shall not be required (i) to assign any contract if such assignment would be in breach of an agreement with a third party to which Operator is a party or (ii) to provide any monetary or non-monetary consideration for such consent unless paid by Owner. During the term of this Agreement, Operator shall not enter into any agreement(s) for the benefit or use of the Owners or in connection with the operation of the Assets that prohibits assignment to Owners.

ARTICLE VI. INDEMNITIES; DISCLAIMERS

Owners' Indemnification Obligations. Notwithstanding any knowledge or investigation of any person. Owners agree, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Laws. to assume, release, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Operator, and its equity-holders, parent, affiliates, and subsidiary companies together with its and all of their respective officers, directors, managers, employees, in-house legal counsel, agents, and representatives, and the respective successors, spouses, relatives, dependents, heirs, and estate of any of the foregoing (excluding any members of the Owner Group) (the "Operator Group") against and from all claims, demands, complaints, losses, fines, penalties, citations, damages, causes of action, suits, judgments, orders, expenses, or costs, including court costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, and expert witnesses' fees (collectively "Damages") caused by or arising out of or resulting from this Agreement or the provision of Services pursuant to this Agreement, but only to the extent such Damages are not attributable to (i) the breach of Operator's agreement contained in Section 1.7 above regardless of whether such breach was caused by Operator's gross negligence or willful misconduct, or (ii) the gross negligence or willful misconduct of Operator. Owners shall reimburse any Operator Group member entitled to indemnity hereunder for its legal and other expenses incurred in connection with defending any claim with respect to such Damages, which reimbursement shall be made promptly after receipt by Owners of a written request therefor accompanied by reasonable supporting documentation with respect to the legal and other expenses for which such Operator Group member seeks reimbursement. THE FOREGOING INDEMNITY OBLIGATIONS SHALL APPLY WHETHER OR NOT SUCH DAMAGES ARISE OUT OF (i) NEGLIGENCE (INCLUDING SOLE, SIMPLE, CONCURRENT, ACTIVE, OR PASSIVE NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE), BUT EXPRESSLY NOT INCLUDING GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF OPERATOR OR ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE OPERATOR GROUP, (ii) STRICT LIABILITY, (iii) THE UNSEAWORTHINESS OF ANY VESSEL OR THE UNAIRWORTHINESS OF ANY AIRCRAFT OR (iv) ANY VIOLATION OF ANY LAW, RULE, REGULATION, OR ORDER RELATED TO THE OWNERSHIP OR OPERATION OF THE ASSETS, INCLUDING APPLICABLE ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS, EXCEPT IN THE EVENT THAT SUCH DAMAGES OR VIOLATION IS CAUSED BY OR RESULTS FROM THE GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF ANY MEMBER OF THE **OPERATOR GROUP.**

Section 6.2 Operator's Indemnity Obligations. OPERATOR SHALL, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAWS, ASSUME, RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD HARMLESS OWNERS, AND THEIR EQUITY-HOLDERS, PARENT, AFFILIATES, AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES, CO-LESSEES, CO-OWNERS, PARTNERS, JOINT VENTURERS, TOGETHER WITH ITS AND ALL OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, MANAGERS, EMPLOYEES, IN-HOUSE LEGAL COUNSEL, AGENTS, AND REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE RESPECTIVE SUCCESSORS, SPOUSES, RELATIVES, DEPENDENTS, HEIRS, AND ESTATE OF ANY OF THE FOREGOING (EXCLUDING ANY MEMBERS OF THE OPERATOR GROUP) (THE "OWNER GROUP") AGAINST AND FROM ALL DAMAGES CAUSED BY OR ARISING OUT OF OR RESULTING FROM (i) THE BREACH OF OPERATOR'S AGREEMENT CONTAINED IN SECTION 1.7 ABOVE OR SECTION Section 7.4 OR (ii) THE GROSS

NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF ANY MEMBER OF THE OPERATOR GROUP IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISION OF SERVICES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.

EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO OPERATOR'S Section 6.3 Disclaimers. AGREEMENT CONTAINED IN SECTION 1.7 ABOVE OR SECTION 7.4 BELOW, BUT OTHERWISE NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT TO THE CONTRARY, OPERATOR MAKES NO, AND DISCLAIMS ANY, REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES, EXPRESS, IMPLIED, OR STATUTORY, WITH RESPECT TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE PERFORMANCE OR RESULTS OF THE SERVICES. EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO (i) ANY BREACH OF OPERATOR'S AGREEMENT CONTAINED IN SECTION 1.7 ABOVE OR SECTION 7.4 BELOW, OR (ii) THE GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF OPERATOR OR ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE OPERATOR GROUP IN THE PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, OPERATOR EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS, AND OWNERS AGREE THAT THE OPERATOR GROUP SHALL BE FREE FROM, ALL LIABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY REPRESENTATION, WARRANTY, STATEMENT, OR INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE SERVICES THAT IS MADE OR COMMUNICATED (ORALLY OR IN WRITING) TO ANY OWNER GROUP MEMBER (INCLUDING ANY OPINION, INFORMATION, PROJECTION, EVALUATIONS, OR ADVICE THAT MAY HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO ANY OWNER GROUP MEMBER BY ANY OPERATOR GROUP MEMBER).

Section 6.4 Laws; Application. The indemnification obligations in this ARTICLE VI are intended to comply with applicable Laws. To the extent such indemnification provisions are found to violate any applicable Law, or in the event any applicable Law is enacted or amended so as to cause these provisions to be in violation therewith, this Agreement shall automatically be amended to provide that the indemnification provided hereunder shall extend only to the maximum extent permitted by the applicable Law.

Limitations. EXCEPT FOR THIRD PARTY CLAIMS FOR WHICH ANY PARTY IS OBLIGATED TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE GROUP UNDER **THIS** PARTY'S AGREEMENT, BUT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT TO THE CONTRARY, NEITHER OPERATOR NOR ANY OWNER SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY'S GROUP UNDER THIS AGREEMENT FOR ANY PUNITIVE, EXEMPLARY, SPECIAL, INDIRECT OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGE RESULTING FROM OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT, EXCEPT SUCH AS MAY BE AWARDED TO THIRD PARTIES. EXCEPT FOR BREACHES OF OPERATOR'S OBLIGATIONS CONTAINED IN SECTION 7.4, OPERATOR SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO THE OWNER GROUP FOR ANY AMOUNTS IN THE AGGREGATE GREATER THAN THE AMOUNTS ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY OPERATOR UNDER THIS AGREEMENT; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS LIMITATION SHALL NOT APPLY TO DAMAGES OWNER MAY OWE TO A THIRD PARTY TO THE EXTENT ARISING OUT OF OPERATOR'S BREACH OF ITS **OBLIGATIONS CONTAINED IN SECTION 1.7.**

ARTICLE VII. MISCELLANEOUS

Force Majeure. In the event that Operator is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by Force Majeure or other causes herein specified, to carry out all or any of its obligation under this Agreement, it is agreed that on Operator's delivery of written notice, so far as Operator is prevented by such Force Majeure or other causes herein specified, Operator's obligation shall be suspended during the continuance of any inability so caused, and Operator will not be liable to Owners for any interruptions of service, any delays, or any failure to perform under this Agreement caused by such Force Majeure. For the avoidance of doubt, any delays, interruptions or failures to perform caused by such occurrences shall not be deemed to be a breach or failure to perform under this Agreement. The term "Force Majeure" means occurrences beyond the reasonable control of Operator and includes, without limiting the generality of the foregoing: acts of God, strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances, acts of the public enemy, wars, blockades, insurrections, riots, epidemics, pandemics, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, storms, hurricanes, tropical storms, loop currents, floods, washouts, arrests, and restraints of the Government, either federal or state, civil or military, civil disturbances, explosions, sabotage, malicious mischief, breakage or accident to machinery or lines of pipe, freezing of wells or lines of pipe, refusal or inability of resale owner(s) or transporter(s) to take deliveries due to events of Force Majeure, inability of Operator to obtain right-of-way, necessary materials, supplies, or permits not caused by the failure of Operator to pay for or negligence to obtain such rights-of-way, necessary materials, supplies, or permits, an order, directive, or restraint issued or imposed by any Governmental Authority, regulatory body or court having jurisdiction. It is understood and agreed that the settlement of strikes or other labor difficulties shall be entirely within the discretion of Operator. During the continuation of a Force Majeure event. Operator shall act diligently to overcome the impediments caused by such event and use its commercially reasonable efforts to promptly resume performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

Section 7.2 Notices. Any notice, request, instruction, correspondence or other document to be given hereunder by any Party to another (herein collectively called "Notice") shall be in writing and delivered by email and additionally in person or by courier service requiring acknowledgement of receipt or mailed by certified mail, postage prepaid and return receipt requested, or by overnight delivery service, or by electronic mail (provided that notices by electronic mail shall also be sent by one of the other permitted means to be effective), as follows:

If to Fieldwood Energy I:

Fieldwood Energy I LLC ADDRESS Attn: Phone:

Email:

with a copy to:

Apache Corporation 2000 Post Oak Blvd, Suite 100 Houston, TX 77056

Attn: Brian Erickson Phone: 713-296-6000

Email: brian.erickson@apachecorp.com

If to Operator:

[Fieldwood Energy II LLC] 2000 W. Sam Houston Pkwy S. Suite 1200 Houston, Texas 77042

Attn: Thomas R. Lamme
Phone: (713) 969-1107
Email: tlamme@fwellc.com

with a copy to:

Apache Corporation 2000 Post Oak Blvd, Suite 100 Houston, TX 77056

Attn: Brian Erickson Phone: 713-296-6000

Email: brian.erickson@apachecorp.com

If to GOM Shelf:

GOM Shelf LLC ADDRESS

Attn: Phone: Email:

with a copy to:

Apache Corporation 2000 Post Oak Blvd, Suite 100 Houston, TX 77056

Attn: Brian Erickson Phone: 713-296-6000

Email: brian.erickson@apachecorp.com

Notice given by personal delivery or courier shall be effective upon actual receipt. Notice given by mail shall be effective upon actual receipt or, if not actually received, the fifth Business Day following deposit with the U.S. Post Office. Notice given by electronic mail shall be effective upon

delivery if delivered to a working email address during the recipient's normal business hours, or at the beginning of the recipient's next Business Day if not delivered during the recipient's normal business hours. If a date specified herein for giving any Notice or taking any action is not a Business Day (or if the period during which any Notice is required to be given or any action taken expires on a date which is not a Business Day), then the date for giving such Notice or taking such action (and the expiration date of such period during which notice is required to be given or action taken) shall be the next day which is a Business Day. Any Party may change any address, electronic or otherwise, to which Notice is to be given to it by giving Notice as provided above of such change of address; provided that only Apache Corporation may change its address for copies and such copies may not be amended, discontinued, or delayed without Apache Corporation's express written consent.

Section 7.3 No Joint Venture or Partnership. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to create, or shall be construed as creating, a partnership, joint venture, association for profit or other business entity between or among the Parties, and for federal and state income tax purposes, the Parties elect to be excluded from the application of the provisions of Subchapter K, Chapter 1, Subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as permitted and authorized by Section 761 of said Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

Section 7.4 No Fiduciary Duty. It is expressly understood and agreed that this Agreement is a purely commercial transaction between the Parties and that nothing stated herein shall operate to create any fiduciary duty which a Party shall owe to the other Party. Operator agrees that if it handles cash on behalf of any Owner hereunder, it shall do so as an agent of Owner and shall be reasonably prudent in the handling of such cash as if it were handling its own cash. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Operator shall reimburse Owner dollar for dollar for the misappropriation of cash of the Owner handled by Operator pursuant to this Agreement by any member of the Operator Group; *provided*, that the Parties hereby acknowledge that the disposition of Owners' cash in Operator's good faith performance of the Services pursuant to its reasonable business judgment shall not constitute "misappropriation" hereunder.

Section 7.5 Entire Agreement. This Agreement (together with the Exhibits hereto, including the Agency Agreement attached as Exhibit C) and the SEMS Bridging Agreement & Interface Document among Owners and Operator dated the date hereof (the "SEMS Agreement") constitute the entire agreement among the Parties with respect to the subject hereof and supersedes any other representations, understandings or agreements (whether written, oral or otherwise) that may have been made or entered into by the Parties or any of their respective Affiliates relating to the transactions contemplated hereby or the subject hereof. The Parties agree that Apache Corporation is a third-party beneficiary with respect to the notice requirements under Sections 3.4 and 3.8.

Section 7.6 Successors and Assignments. This Agreement is personal as to Operator and Owners and shall not be assigned by Operator without Owners' consent or any Owner without Operator's consent; provided that the foregoing shall not apply if Operator assigns this Agreement in total (i) along with all of its personnel who are performing any part of the Services hereunder to an Affiliate, provided that no such assignment by Operator to an Affiliate shall relieve Operator of its obligations under this Agreement, or (ii) to an acquirer of all or substantially all of Operator's

business or all or substantially all of Operator's employees providing Services hereunder. Except as otherwise provided herein, this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective permitted successors, assigns, and legal representatives.

Section 7.7 Amendment. This Agreement may be amended or modified in whole or in part, and terms and conditions may be waived, only by a duly authorized agreement in writing which makes reference to this Agreement executed by each Party.

Section 7.8 Construction.

- (a) All article, section, schedule, and exhibit references used in this Agreement are to articles and sections of, and Schedules and Exhibits to, this Agreement, unless otherwise specified. The schedules and exhibits attached to this Agreement constitute a part of this Agreement and are incorporated herein for all purposes.
- (b) Unless otherwise indicated, with respect to either Party, the terms "ordinary course of business" or "ordinary course" shall be deemed to refer to the ordinary conduct of business in a manner consistent with the past practices and customs of such Party.
- (c) If a term is defined as one part of speech (such as a noun), it shall have a corresponding meaning when used as another part of speech (such as a verb). Terms defined in the singular have the corresponding meanings in the plural, and vice versa. Unless the context of this Agreement clearly requires otherwise, words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine and neutral genders and vice versa. The words "include", "includes" or "including" do not limit the preceding terms and shall be deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation." The words "hereof," "hereto," "hereby," "herein," "hereunder" and words of similar import, when used in this Agreement, shall refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular section or article in which such words appear. The term "or" is not exclusive.
- (d) The terms "day" and "days" mean and refer to calendar day(s). The terms "year" and "years" mean and refer to calendar year(s).
- (e) Operator and Owners have each participated in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement, and, if an ambiguity should arise, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the Parties and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or burdening any Party by virtue of the authorship of any of the provisions in this Agreement.
- (f) The captions in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not be considered a part of or affect the construction or interpretation of any provision of this Agreement.
- (g) All references to currency herein shall be to, and all payments required hereunder shall be paid in, United States Dollars.
- (h) The serial comma is sometimes included and sometimes omitted. Its inclusion or omission shall not affect the interpretation of any phrase.

- Section 7.9 Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. The Parties further agree that if any provision contained herein is, to any extent, held invalid or unenforceable in any respect under the Laws governing this Agreement, they shall take any actions necessary to render the remaining provisions of this Agreement valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by Law and, to the extent necessary, shall amend or otherwise modify this Agreement to replace any provision contained herein that is held invalid or unenforceable with a valid and enforceable provision giving effect to the intent of the Parties to the greatest extent legally permissible.
- **Section 7.10** <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Any .pdf or other electronic transmission hereof or signature hereon shall, for all purposes, be deemed originals.
- **Section 7.11** Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by, construed under, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas without regard to the principles of conflicts of Laws that would direct the application of the Laws of another jurisdiction.
- Section 7.12 WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.
- **Section 7.13** <u>Disputes</u>. Any disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be resolved exclusively by the state or federal courts located in Houston, Texas.

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IN WITNESS	WHEREOF, thi	s Agreement ha	ıs been signed	by each of the	e Parties as of	the date
first above wr	itten.					

OPERATOR:
[FIELDWOOD ENERGY II LLC]
By:
Name:
OWNERS:
FIELDWOOD ENERGY I LLC
By:
Name: Title:
GOM SHELF LLC
By:
Name:
Title:

EXHIBIT A

TO TRANSITION SERVICES AGREEMENT

SERVICES

1. Asset Management Services. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, Operator shall provide the following Services with respect to the Assets.

1.1 Operating Services.

- (a) Start of Service Term. Effective Date.
- (b) End of Service Term. On the date of the discontinuation of Services as set forth in Section 5.1.
- (c) Services: Providing the following operating services with respect to the Operated Assets (except to the extent limited by <u>Section 1.6</u> of this Agreement):
 - (i) Complying with, and causing the Operated Assets to be operated in compliance in all material respects with, all state and federal Laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, following all required health, safety and environmental Laws, regulations and programs (such as SEMS), complying with all regulatory filing and reporting requirements, and obtaining all necessary permits as such Operating Services may have been generally provided by Fieldwood Energy LLC immediately before the divisive merger for Fieldwood Energy I; provided that nothing in this provision shall require Operator to make on behalf of an Owner any filing, payment, or submission (or otherwise take any action) that, under applicable Law, may be made only by a party designated with BOEM, BSEE, or other Governmental Authority as a designated operator, designated applicant, designated payor, or responsible party for such Owner or that could make Operator directly liable or responsible to BOEM, BSEE, or other Governmental Authority, or any other third party with respect to any of the Assets in which event Operator shall prepare the necessary filing or submission and provide it to the applicable Owner to file or submit or, in the case of a payment, notify the applicable Owner of such payment so that such Owner can make such payment.
 - (ii) Until the end of the Service Term, serve as each Owner's authorized agent with respect to the Operated Assets of such Owner, in accordance with the terms hereof and any applicable operating agreements and similar contracts (if any), by performing the following as and when needed:

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- (A) purchasing (either directly or as agent for Owners) supplies, materials, tools, and equipment associated with the Operated Assets, provided that the costs of such that are paid directly by Operator will be reimbursed by the applicable Owner to Operator, further, provided that without such Owner's prior written consent Operator will not purchase any single item with respect to the Operated Assets if such purchase would result in a charge or cost to such Owner greater than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for any single item or five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in the aggregate as to all such items during any calendar year. Such Owner's consent shall be deemed granted unless such Owner notifies Operator to the contrary within ten (10) Business Days from such Owner's receipt of Operator's request;
- (B) contracting (either directly or as agent for Owners) for services associated with the physical operation of the Operated Assets, provided that the costs associated with such services will be paid directly by the Owner of such Operated Assets or reimbursed to Operator by such Owner, further, provided that without such Owner's prior written consent Operator will not contract for any of such services with respect to any of the Operated Assets if such contract (1) is with an affiliate of Operator or (2) would obligate such Owner for a period more than ninety (90) days after the end of the Service Term for the Operating Services. Such Owner's consent shall be deemed granted unless such Owner notifies Operator to the contrary within ten (10) Business Days from receipt of Operator's request;
- (C) executing, amending, or extending contracts (either directly or as agent for Owners) associated with the physical operation of the Operated Assets in the normal course of business, provided that the costs associated with such execution, amendment or extension of the contracts will be paid directly by the Owner of such Operated Assets or reimbursed by such Owner to Operator, further, provided that without such Owner's prior written consent Operator will not contract for any of such services with respect to any of the Operated Assets if such contract (1) is with an Affiliate of Operator; or (2) would obligate such Owner for a period more than ninety (90) days after the end of the Service Term for the Operating Services. Such Owner's consent shall be deemed granted unless such Owner notifies Operator to the contrary within ten (10) Business Days from receipt of Operator's request;
- (D) functioning as each Owner's agent in such Owner's capacity as operator under the applicable joint operating agreements, production handling agreements, and other similar operating agreements related to the Operated Assets with all rights and authority to communicate with colessees and non-operating parties and take all actions under the applicable

Exhibit A – Page 2 Transition Services Agreement agreement as if it were such Owner. Such Owner and Operator shall enter into an Agency Agreement in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit C</u> (the "Agency Agreement");

- (E) functioning as each Owner's agent under the applicable master service agreements, work orders, purchase orders and similar service contracts related to the Operated Assets with all rights and authority to communicate with the service providers and take all actions under the applicable agreement as if it were such Owner, pursuant to the Agency Agreement; and
- (F) functioning as each Owner's agent in representing such Owner in its capacity as the owner of the Operated Assets in all dealings and communications with Governmental Authorities, provided that such Owner reimburses Operator for any fees, fines, or penalties associated with such dealings and communications, further, provided that Operator must obtain the prior approval of such Owner before Operator agrees to a fine or penalty in excess of one hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000) (it being understood and agreed that no Owner's consent is required for any such fee or penalty to which Owner has no right to approve, reject, or appeal under applicable Law). Operator will provide such Owner copies of all correspondence with Governmental Authorities, other than routine correspondence, on a periodic basis or as requested by such Owner.

1.2 Production Marketing, Marketing Services, and Marketing Accounting Services:

- (a) Start of Service Term. Effective Date.
- (b) End of Service Term. On the date of the discontinuation of Services as set forth in Section 5.1; provided, however, that each Owner may notify Operator in writing thirty (30) days prior to the end of any production month if such Owner wishes to terminate the Production Marketing, Marketing Services and Marketing Accounting Services as of the end of such month, and such Services shall terminate at the close of accounting business for such production month.
- (c) Services: Providing the following production marketing, marketing services and marketing accounting services with respect to the Assets (except as limited by <u>Section 1.6</u> of this Agreement):
 - (i) For each third party agreement with respect to the Assets that each Owner and Operator mutually agree, Operator shall function as the agent for such Owner with all rights and authority to communicate with the service providers and take all actions under the applicable

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- agreement as if it were such Owner, pursuant to the Agency Agreement;
- (ii) Performing all marketing, gas control, crude oil and gas scheduling, contract administration, and other similar services necessary to sell production associated with the Assets in a manner substantially consistent with Operator's or its personnel's current general practices, provided that all marketing shall be at prices Operator reasonably believes to be representative of market value. Upon request, Operator will provide Owner summaries of the scheduled oil and gas or plant statements;
- (iii) Performing all revenue and marketing accounting functions relating to the Assets, including the calculation and payment of royalty and overriding royalties, transportation, cash out, netback pricing, weighted average sales price, and other marketing accounting functions performed in the normal course of business; and
- (iv) Management of all lease of platform space agreements, production handling agreements, pipeline interconnect agreements, boarding agreements, midstream facility ownership and/or contract operating agreements, and other similar agreements of an Owner with respect to its Assets.

1.3 Treasury and Accounting Services:

- (a) Start of Service Term. Effective Date.
- (b) End of Service Term. On the date of the discontinuation of Services as set forth in Section 5.1; provided, however, that each Owner may notify Operator in writing thirty (30) days prior to the end of any production month if such Owner wishes to terminate the Expenditure Accounting Services as of the end of such month, and such Services shall terminate at the close of accounting business for such production month.
- (c) Services: Providing the following treasury and accounting services with respect to the Assets (except as limited by <u>Section 1.6</u> of this Agreement):
 - (i) Managing any bank accounts, trusts, etc. of an Owner associated with the operation of the Assets;
 - (ii) Performing all expenditure accounting functions for each Owner relating to such Owner's Assets, including for such Owner's

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- payment of all invoices and subsequent billing of same to all working interest owners, AFE maintenance, and maintenance of property/cost center numbers;
- (iii) Managing the collection of any joint interest billings and revenue relating to the Assets;
- (iv) Performing as needed all the calculations of severance, ad valorem/property, and sales and use taxes, but excluding state or federal income, margin, or excise taxes;
- (v) Performing all of the property, revenue, and royalty accounting services related to the Assets, including properly disbursing payments to and collecting payments from third parties and working interest, royalty, and overriding royalty owners as required by such accounting services as well as rental, severance or production taxes, right of way payments, leasehold, minimum or advance payments due in the normal course of business, and annual 1099 reporting as required by the Internal Revenue Service;
- (vi) Performing all the calculations and preparation of monthly gas and oil balancing and payout statements in the ordinary course of business; and
- (vii) Identifying to the applicable Owner, and making payments for lease rentals, shut-in royalties, minimum royalties, payments in lieu of production, royalties, overriding royalties, production payments, net profit payments, and other similar burdens that are associated with the ownership and operation of the Assets; provided, however, that the consent of the applicable Owner shall be required for the actions set forth in Section 1.6(c) of the Agreement.

1.4 Land Administration Services.

- (a) Start of Service Term. Effective Date.
- (b) End of Service Term. On the date of the discontinuation of Services as set forth in Section 5.1; provided, however, that each Owner may notify Operator in writing thirty (30) days prior to the end of any month if such Owner wishes to terminate the Land Administration Services effective as of the end of such month and such Services shall terminate at the end of such month.

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- (c) Services: Providing the following land administration services with respect to the Assets (except as limited by Section 1.6 of this Agreement):
 - (i) Administering and maintaining all leases and agreements relating to the Assets;
 - (ii) Maintaining and updating all lease, ownership, contract, and property records and databases relating to the Assets;
 - (iii) Maintaining and updating all royalty payment reports and databases;
 - (iv) Maintaining and updating all royalty suspense accounts, reports, and databases and administering escheat duties in accordance with established State rules and regulations;
 - (v) Maintaining and updating all accounts, reports, and databases associated with compulsory pooled interests related to the Assets;
 - (vi) Generating, verifying, processing, approving, and signing all internal and external division orders and transfer orders required in the normal course of business;
 - (vii) Identifying for payment by Owner and appropriately invoicing all rentals, surface, right of way, shut-in payments, and other payments required by the leases or other agreements relating to the Assets;
 - (viii) Maintaining all land, contract, division of interest, lease files, and other files relating to the subject land administration functions; and
 - (ix) Such other administrative services as Operator administered or caused to be administered to maintain the leases or agreements relating to the Assets.

1.5 Supply Chain.

- (a) Start of Service Term. Effective Date.
- (b) End of Service Term. On the date of the discontinuation of Services as set forth in Section 5.1; provided, however, that each Owner may notify Operator in writing ten (10) Business Days prior to the end of any month if such Owner wishes to terminate the applicable Services as of the end of such Month and such Services shall terminate at the end of such month.

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- (c) Services. Providing the following supply chain services with respect to the Operated Assets (except as limited by Section 1.6 of this Agreement):
 - (i) Operator shall provide procurement services with respect to the Operated Assets;
 - (ii) Except as it relates to marketing contracts, which shall be covered by <u>Section 1.2</u> of this <u>Exhibit A</u>, Operator shall provide Contract Administration Services with respect to the Operated Assets; and
 - (iii) Operator shall function as the agent for each Owner with all rights and authority to communicate with the service providers and take all actions under the applicable agreement as if it were such Owner, pursuant to the Agency Agreement.
- **2. Hourly Services**. Operator shall provide the following Services with respect to the Assets in a manner substantially consistent with Operator's general practices for similarly situated assets:

2.1 Legal.

- (a) Start of Service Term. Effective Date.
- (b) End of Service Term. On the date of the discontinuation of Services as set forth in Section 5.1; provided, however, that each Owner may discontinue these Services by providing Operator ten (10) days prior written notice of its desire to do so, and such Services shall terminate at the end of such ten (10) day period.
- (c) Services. Providing the following legal services with respect to the Assets (except as limited by Section 1.6 of this Agreement):
 - (i) Review and negotiation of contracts with service providers and other third parties;
 - (ii) Management of litigation, government investigations, and other disputes as directed by such Owner; and
 - (iii) Directing outside counsel engaged by such Owner in providing advice and counsel to such Owner with respect to the Assets and the

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2.2 Finance and Tax.

- (a) Start of Service Term. Effective Date.
- (b) End of Service Term. On the date of the discontinuation of Services as set forth in Section 5.1; provided, however, that each Owner may discontinue these Services by providing Operator ten (10) days prior written notice of its desire to do so, and such Services shall terminate at the end of such ten (10) day period.
- (c) Services. Providing the following supply finance and tax services with respect to the Assets (except as limited by Section 1.6 of this Agreement):
 - (i) Preparation of projections, analyses and reports related to the Assets;
 - (ii) Review and negotiation of financing agreements, including hedging agreements; and
 - (iii) Preparation and administration of all federal, state, and local tax processes, including the preparation of appropriate tax returns and/or directing outside tax preparers in the preparation of any tax matters and/or activities related to the Assets.

2.3 Insurance.

- (a) Start of Service Term. Effective Date.
- (b) End of Service Term. On the date of the discontinuation of Services as set forth in <u>Section 5.1</u>; provided, however, that each Owner may discontinue these Services by providing Operator ten (10) days prior written notice of its desire to do so, and such Services shall terminate at the end of such ten (10) day period.
- (c) Services. Providing the following insurance services with respect to the Assets (except as limited by Section 1.6 of this Agreement):
 - (i) Review and negotiation of insurance documents and agreements, including bonds, insurance policies, and similar agreements;

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- (ii) Management of any claims made or to be made under the applicable insurance policies, bonds, and similar agreements as directed by such Owner; and
- (iii) Procure and maintain insurance coverages on behalf of the applicable Owner(s) that are customary for a reasonably prudent operator with properties, equipment, and other assets similar to the Assets and operations in the Gulf of Mexico and in amounts commensurate with operations and obligations in this Agreement. Such requirements shall include, but shall not be limited to, insurance as required by applicable Law.

2.4 Financial Reporting and Audit Services.

- (a) Start of Service Term. Effective Date.
- (b) End of Service Term. On the date of the discontinuation of Services as set forth in Section 5.1; provided, however, that each Owner may discontinue these Services by providing Operator ten (10) days prior written notice of its desire to do so, and such Services shall terminate at the end of such ten (10) day period. The terms of Section 2.4 (d)(i) shall survive the termination of this Agreement for such period of time as is necessary for such Owner or its representatives to conduct the review and audit of financial statements prepared under Section 2.4 (d)(ii) or for the review and audit of financial statements prepared subsequent to discontinuation of Services where financial results are included for the applicable periods the Services were provided.
- (c) Services. Providing the following supply financial reporting and audit services with respect to the Assets (except as limited by <u>Section 1.6</u> of this Agreement):
 - (i) Facilitate and coordinate the review and audit of such Owner's business records in the normal course of business or as required in accordance with the terms of the Limited Liability Agreement of Fieldwood Energy I LLC;
 - (ii) Preparing financial statements and/or directing outside accounting personnel in the preparation and maintenance of audit reports and financial statements and any required filings or reporting in accordance with the terms of the Limited Liability Agreement of Fieldwood Energy I LLC; and

Exhibit A – Page 9 Transition Services Agreement (iii) Auditing the books and records of third parties related to activities under operating, production handling, and other similar agreements in the normal course of business or as reasonably requested by such Owner.

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EXHIBIT B

TO TRANSITION SERVICES AGREEMENT

OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVES LIST

[NTD: List will include name, title and contact information for the individuals in charge of performing each Service.]

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EXHIBIT C

TO TRANSITION SERVICES AGREEMENT

FORM OF AGENCY AGREEMENT

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AGENCY AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Fieldwood I is a resulting entity of a divisive merger effected in connection with the final plan of reorganization of Chapter 11 Case 20-33948, *In re: Fieldwood Energy LLC et al.*, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division (the "Plan");

WHEREAS, Owners are the owners of various assets, comprising certain oil and gas properties and related equipment, contracts, and other assets located primarily in the Gulf of Mexico (the "Assets");

WHEREAS, of even date herewith, Operator and Owners entered into that certain Transition Services Agreement, which agreement provides for Operator to provide Owners certain services related to Owners' interests in the Assets; and

WHEREAS, Operator and Owners desire that Operator administer those certain services described on Exhibit A to the Transition Services Agreement during the Service Term for each applicable Service as set forth in the Transition Services Agreement; and

WHEREAS, subject to the limitations and obligations of Operator pursuant to this Agreement and the Transition Services Agreement, Owners desire that Operator act as agent for Owners for all matters related to certain of the third-party agreements set forth on Schedule 1 of this Agreement (the "Third Party Contracts") and related to representation of each Owner as the owner of the Assets in all dealings and communications with Governmental Authorities, or as may be mutually agreed upon from time to time by Owners and Operator in writing.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual premises, covenants, and agreements contained herein, the benefits to be derived by each party hereunder and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, Operator and Owners hereby agree as follows:

1. Appointment of Agent. Subject to the limitations and obligations of Operator pursuant to this Agreement and the Transition Services Agreement (including particularly but without limitation Section 1.6 thereof), Owners hereby appoint Operator, and Operator hereby accepts and

Exhibit C – Page 2 Transition Services Agreement agrees to act as the agent for Owners, in all respects, under the Third Party Contracts and in all dealings and communications with any Governmental Authorities related to the Assets or operations related thereto. Unless expressly permitted by Owners or to the extent permitted under the Transition Services Agreement, no other party shall be authorized to act on behalf of Owners with respect to such Third Party Contracts. Operator's authority as agent for Owners shall be subject to the following limitations and obligations:

- (a) Operator shall hold such Third Party Contracts for the benefit of Owners and shall exercise all rights available to Operator with respect to such third-party agreements in accordance with the Transition Services Agreement;
- (b) Operator shall use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain and keep such Third Party Contracts in full force and effect;
- (c) Operator shall not transfer, sell, hypothecate, encumber, relinquish, or cause the termination of such Third Party Contracts;
- (d) Operator shall not materially amend, or extend any of such Third Party Contracts, except as allowed in the Transition Services Agreement;
- (e) The foregoing notwithstanding, Operator does not assume any obligation under any Third Party Contract and shall not be deemed to have assumed any such obligation under the Third Party Contract by reason of acting as Owners' agent hereunder or by the existence of this Agreement, except as set forth in the Transition Services Agreement; and
- (f) With respect to dealings and communications with Governmental Authorities, Operator shall act in a manner consistent with the limitations of the Transition Services Agreement.

Requests for approval of any action restricted by this Agreement shall be delivered to the sole manager of Owners, provided that Operator may take whatever actions it deems in good faith to be required in the event of an emergency.

2. Indemnity. Except for Damages resulting from Operator's gross negligence or willful misconduct or from Operator's breach of the agreement contained in Section 1.7 or Section 7.4 of the Transition Services Agreement, Operator and Owners hereby acknowledge and agree that all Damages and obligations arising out of or attributable to Operator's service as Owners' agent hereunder shall constitute obligations for which Owners shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Operator Group (excluding any member of Owner Group), and Section 6.1 of the Transition Services Agreement shall apply to such indemnification obligations hereunder, mutatis mutandis (WHETHER OR NOT SUCH DAMAGES ARISE OUT OF (i) NEGLIGENCE (INCLUDING SOLE, SIMPLE, CONCURRENT, ACTIVE, OR PASSIVE NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE), BUT EXPRESSLY NOT INCLUDING GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF OPERATOR OR ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE

Exhibit C – Page 3 Transition Services Agreement OPERATOR GROUP OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR OPERATOR'S BREACH OF THE AGREEMENT CONTAINED IN <u>SECTION 1.7</u> OR <u>SECTION 7.4</u> OF THE TRANSITION SERVICES AGREEMENT, (ii) STRICT LIABILITY, (iii) THE UNSEAWORTHINESS OF ANY VESSEL OR THE UNAIRWORTHINESS OF ANY AIRCRAFT OR (iv) ANY VIOLATION OF ANY LAW, RULE, REGULATION, OR ORDER RELATED TO THE OWNERSHIP OR OPERATION OF THE ASSETS, INCLUDING APPLICABLE ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS, EXCEPT IN THE EVENT THAT SUCH DAMAGES OR VIOLATION IS CAUSED BY OR RESULTS FROM THE GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF ANY MEMBER OF THE OPERATOR GROUP). Sections 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5 of the Transition Services Agreement are hereby incorporated by reference, *mutatis mutandis*.

3. Power of Attorney. This Agreement shall serve as a general power of attorney. Each Owner hereby grants Operator, and Operator hereby accepts, a power of attorney for Operator to serve as the attorney-in-fact and agent for such Owner and to take any and all actions to effectuate the purpose and activities described in the Transition Services Agreement, including, but not limited to, taking any action under the Third Party Contracts, entering into any agreement, and representing Owners in certain dealings and communications with Governmental Authorities related to the Assets or operations related thereto. This power of attorney is subject to the limitations of the Transition Services Agreement and this Agreement and shall terminate upon the termination of the Transition Services Agreement.

4. Miscellaneous Provisions.

- (a) Term. The authority for Operator to act as each Owner's agent shall be effective as of the date hereof and shall terminate and be revoked as to each such third-party agreement at the end of each applicable Service Term for each applicable Service as set forth in the Transition Services Agreement, unless sooner revoked by notice in writing from Owner to Operator and to each third party no longer entitled to rely on the agency created by this Agreement.
- (b) Transition Services Agreement. This Agreement is being entered into in conjunction with the Transition Services Agreement whereby Operator shall provide certain Services as such term is defined therein. Operations of the oil and gas properties and collection and disbursement of all revenues and payment of expenses associated with such third-party agreements will be handled in accordance with the Transition Services Agreement.
- (c) Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the SEMS Bridging Agreement & Interface Document among Owners and Operator dated the date hereof constitutes the full understanding of Operator and Owners and a complete and exclusive statement of the terms and conditions of the agreement relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior negotiations, understandings, and agreements, whether written or oral, between Operator and Owners with respect thereto. This Agreement does not modify or amend any

Exhibit C – Page 4 Transition Services Agreement terms or provisions of the Transition Services Agreement. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in the event of any conflict between that the terms of this Agreement and terms of the Transition Services Agreement, the terms of the Transition Services Agreement or any agreement contemplated thereby shall prevail.

- (d) Amendments. No alteration, modification, amendment, or change in this Agreement shall be effective or binding on any party unless the same is in writing and is executed by Operator and Owners.
- (e) Enforceability. This Agreement shall be enforceable by and against Operator, Owners, and their respective heirs, successors, permitted assignees, and legal representatives.
- (f) Assignment. This Agreement is personal to the parties hereto. Neither Operator nor Owners shall assign, convey, transfer, or otherwise dispose of all or any portion of its interest in, or its rights and obligations under, this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party unless such assignment is permitted under the Transition Services Agreement. Any attempted assignment without appropriate consent shall be voidable at the sole discretion of the non-assigning party.
- (g) Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by, construed under, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas without regard to the principles of conflicts of Laws that would direct the application of the Laws of another jurisdiction.
- (h) Disputes. Any disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be subject to the terms set forth in <u>Sections 7.12</u> and <u>7.13</u> of the Transition Services Agreement.
- (i) Multiple Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed, either originally or by electronic reproduction, by the parties hereto in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original for all purposes, and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

[Remainder of page intentionally left blank; signature page follows.]

Exhibit C – Page 5 Transition Services Agreement This Agreement is executed and delivered by Operator and Owner effective as of the Effective

Date.	
OPERATOR:	
[FIELDWOOD ENERGY II LLC]	
By:	-
OWNER:	
FIELDWOOD ENERGY I LLC	
By:	-
By:	-
Name:	-
Title:	-

Exhibit C – Page 6 Transition Services Agreement

STATE OF TEXAS	§	
COUNTY OF HARRIS	§	
, known t	vledged before me on this day of me to be the person whose name is subscrib Fieldwood Energy II LLC, a Delaware limited I	ped to the foregoing
	Notary Public in and for the State of	Texas
STATE OF TEXAS	§	
COUNTY OF HARRIS	§	
, known to me	ed before me on this day of be be the person whose name is subscribed to the bod Energy I LLC, a Texas limited liability compa	foregoing instrument
	Notary Public in and for the State of	Texas
STATE OF TEXAS	§	
COUNTY OF HARRIS	§	
, known to me	ed before me on this day of o be the person whose name is subscribed to the Shelf, LLC, a Delaware limited liability compar	foregoing instrument
	Notary Public in and for the State of	Texas

Exhibit C – Page 7 Transition Services Agreement

SCHEDULE 1

TO SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIRD-PARTY AGREEMENTS

[NTD: These are specific marketing, transportation and processing and other service agreements.]

Schedule 1 – Page 1 Agency Agreement

SCHEDULE 2

TO SERVICES AGREEMENT

EXCLUDED ASSETS

[NTD: These are the assets which will be co-owned by Owner and Operator and subject to separate operating agreements.]

Exhibit 16

SEMS Bridging Agreement

This Bridging Agreement dated and effective as of ______, 202_ (the "Effective Date") (this "Agreement") is by and among [FIELDWOOD ENERGY II LLC, a Delaware limited liability company]\(^1\) (the "Contractor"), FIELDWOOD ENERGY I LLC, a Texas limited liability company (the "Fieldwood Energy I") and GOM Shelf LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("GOM Shelf" and, together with Fieldwood Energy I, the "Owners", and each, an "Owner"). Contractor and Owners are sometimes referred to collectively as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party".

WHEREAS, each Owner is the operator, as designated by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management of the United States Department of the Interior ("BOEM"), of certain of the assets owned by such Owner as of the Effective Date (the "Assets");

WHEREAS, Fieldwood Energy I is a resulting entity of a divisive merger effected in connection with the confirmed plan of reorganization of Chapter 11 Case 20-33948, *In re: Fieldwood Energy LLC et al*, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division (the "Plan");

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Plan, the Owners do not have employees and require a third party to provide operational, technical, and administrative services for the Assets;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Transition Services Agreement dated and effective as of the Effective Date by and among the Parties (the "<u>Transition Services Agreement</u>"), Contractor has agreed to provide certain operational, technical, and administrative services with respect to the ownership and operation of the Assets, upon the terms and conditions set forth therein, until the end of each respective Service Term (as defined therein).

In furtherance of and solely in connection with the Services (as such term is defined in the Transition Services Agreement) provided by Contractor pursuant to the Transition Services Agreement (the "Services") the Parties agree as follows:

1. MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

For the purposes of providing the Services, Contractor agrees that it has used commercially reasonable efforts to:

- A. review the requirements of 30 CFR 250.1900 and the American Petroleum Institute's Recommended Practices for Development of a Safety and Environmental Management Program for Offshore Operations and Facilities (API RP 75) as incorporated by reference;
- B. identify and review other safety, health, environmental, integrity and quality requirements relevant to the organizational department of Contractor that is providing services for Fieldwood Energy I on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf ("OCS"), such as those found in Contractor's own standards and in regulations promulgated by U.S. government agencies, such as:
 - I. The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)
 - II. The United States Coast Guard (USCG)
 - III. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA);

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- C. determine all requirements, to include from sources listed above, that are applicable to Contractor's provision of Services to Fieldwood Energy I on the Gulf of Mexico OCS;
- D. develop and properly implement safety, health and environmental programs and/or management systems to enable compliance with those applicable requirements set forth above;
- E. systematically monitor and assess the effectiveness of those systems set forth above on a departmental or unit level; and
- F. Continuously improve those systems where appropriate.

2. SEMS INTERFACE DOCUMENT

This SEMS Bridging Agreement and Interface Document identifies whose environmental, health and safety manuals, policies, procedures and responsibilities shall prevail at the work site and for the activities involved pursuant to the Transition Services Agreement. Contractor shall use commercially reasonable efforts to deliver all documents indicated in this document upon request of Owners at any time or for any reason at the sole discretion of Owners. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, Contractor and its subcontractors shall not have any obligation under this Agreement to provide any service or item in this Agreement to the extent Contractor is not required to provide any such service under the Transition Services Agreement.

3. SUBCONTRACTORS

Contractor shall direct its subcontractor who are providing Services under the Transition Services Agreement to comply with the requirements of this Agreement and shall disseminate to such subcontractors the information appropriate and necessary for such subcontractors to comply with this Agreement.

4. AGREEMENT

- A. By signing below, each Party affirms, agrees to and endorses the contents of this Agreement.
- B. EACH PARTY HERETO AGREES THAT IN NO EVENT SHALL CONTRACTOR HAVE ANY LIABILITY TO OWNERS HEREUNDER EXCEPT FOR DAMAGES BOTH (I) ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT AND (II) THOSE CAUSED BY, ARISING OUT OF, OR RESULTING FROM THE GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF CONTRACTOR.
- C. Except for Damages resulting from Contractor's gross negligence or willful misconduct, Contractor and Owners hereby acknowledge and agree that all claims, demands, complaints, losses, fines, penalties, citations, damages, causes of action, suits, judgments, orders, expenses, or costs, including court costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, and expert witnesses' fees ("Damages") arising out of or attributable to this Agreement shall constitute obligations for which Owners shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Contractor, and Section 6.1 of the Transition Services Agreement shall apply to such indemnification obligations hereunder, mutatis mutandis (WHETHER OR NOT SUCH DAMAGES ARISE OUT OF (i) NEGLIGENCE (INCLUDING SOLE, SIMPLE, CONCURRENT, ACTIVE, OR PASSIVE NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE), BUT EXPRESSLY NOT INCLUDING GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF CONTRACTOR, (ii) STRICT LIABILITY, (iii) THE

UNSEAWORTHINESS OF ANY VESSEL OR THE UNAIRWORTHINESS OF ANY AIRCRAFT OR (iv) ANY VIOLATION OF ANY LAW, RULE, REGULATION, OR ORDER RELATED TO THE OWNERSHIP OR OPERATION OF THE ASSETS, INCLUDING APPLICABLE ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS, EXCEPT IN THE EVENT THAT SUCH DAMAGES OR VIOLATION IS CAUSED BY OR RESULTS FROM THE GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF CONTRACTOR).

- **D.** This Agreement shall terminate automatically upon the termination of the Transition Services Agreement.
- E. The provisions of Article VII of the Transition Services Agreement shall apply *mutatis* mutandis to this Agreement.
- F. This Agreement is personal to the parties hereto. Neither Contractor nor Owners shall assign, convey, transfer, or otherwise dispose of all or any portion of its interest in, or its rights and obligations under, this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party unless such assignment is permitted under the Transition Services Agreement. Any attempted assignment without appropriate consent shall be voidable at the sole discretion of the non-assigning party.

INSTRUCTIONS

- The checked box ("F1" for Owners, "F2" for Contractor or both) indicates responsibility for the particular item.
- 2) Review and understand each Party's responsibility for each item or question.
- For items with shared or dual responsibility of both Owners and Contractor, see additional comments or details.
- Upon complete review of this Agreement, a member of Owner and Contractor's executive management team is to then properly sign and date this document.
- 5) Once properly signed, dated and fully executed by both Owner and Contractor, this entire document is then considered a Controlled Document, whereby only changes can be made upon written agreement of all Parties.
- 6) Any specific issue not listed below shall be submitted and approved by all Parties prior to the execution of work.
- 7) All matters below are with respect to Services provided by Contractor.

ITEM	F2	F1	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
ELI	MEN'	T 1: G	ENERAL
Establishing goals and performance measures, appoint management representatives responsible for carrying out SEMS activities	X		Beginning upon signature of this document, operations performed on Fieldwood Energy I's leases, rights of way, rights of use and easements will adhere to Contactor's SEMS plan
Performing annual review of SEMS program in accordance with 250.1909(d)	X		
ELEMENT 2: SAFETY	& EN	VIRO	NMENTAL INFORMATION
Policies and procedures to create or modify the safety & environmental information (i.e. P&IDs, SAFE charts, control systems, NPDES)	X		
To maintain red-line drawings or as built drawings for all modifications to the facility	X		
Well permit or drilling permit approvals and procedures (APM)	X	4	
ELEMEN	T 3: H	AZAR	RDS ANALYSIS
Conduct, manage, and communicate the hazards analysis (facility level)	X		
Job safety analysis (JSA) for activities involving equipment, materials or processes led by Contractor. (Note: All personnel performing work must be included in the creation of the JSA.)	X		
JSA for activities involving equipment, materials or processes owned by sub-contractors	X		
	NAGI	MEN	T OF CHANGE (MOC)
Identify and control hazards caused by changes made to Contractor's equipment, materials, operating conditions, operating procedures and personnel, including a means to communicate the change to all affected personnel	x	N	
Identify and control hazards caused by changes made to the sub-contractor's equipment, materials, operating conditions, operating procedures and personnel, including a means to communicate the change to all affected personnel	x		
Identify and control hazards by managing changes to existing drilling programs, well design, SAFE charts, control systems, etc.	X		
ELEMENT 5	OPE	RATIN	NG PROCEDURES
Operating procedures that provide instructions for conducting safe and environmentally sound activities and address equipment or processes	X		
Operating procedures that provide instructions for conducting safe and environmentally sound activities and address equipment or processes owned by sub- contractors or used by Contractor	X		
	PRACT	TICES	and CONTRACTOR SELECTION
Bypassing critical protections	X		
Confined space entry	X		
Electrical work & isolation of hazardous energy (Lock out / tag out)	X		
Hot work	X		

Crane operations, lifting & rigging	X		
Simultaneous operations planning	X	1	
Working at heights	X		
Spill reporting procedures	X		
Well control procedures	X		
Safe work practices other than those listed above	X		
Safe work practices (other than those listed above) on a third-party owned facility, such as a drilling rig, lift boat, derrick barge, motor vessel, etc. that is contracted by Contractor	x		
Selection of sub-contractors to work under the	X		
supervision of Contractor	BARRIO	F 7. T	RAINING
	WIEN	/: 1.	KAINING
Verify all personnel are trained to conduct their assigned duties in a safe and environmentally sound manner.	X		
ELEMENT 8	MEC	HAN	CAL INTEGRITY
Verify that all critical equipment owned, operated or maintained by Contractor is designed, procured, fabricated, installed, calibrated and maintained in accordance with service requirements, OEM recommendations or industry standards	x	Ŕ	
Verify that inspections and tests for critical equipment owned, operated or maintained by Contractor are documented in accordance with regulatory requirements and industry standards. At a minimum, the documentation must include the date of the inspection/test, the name, position, and signature of the inspector/tester, the equipment's serial number or other unique identifier, a description of the test performed, and the results of the inspection or test	x	16. 16	
Assure that well control equipment, such as BOP's are tested and maintained according to OEM and regulatory requirements and conditions of approval of the drilling permit application	X		
ELEMENT 9: PRE-	STAR	TUP S	AFETY REVIEW (PSSR)
Conduct the pre-startup safety and environmental review (including appropriate safety, environmental, operating, maintenance, training and emergency information) for commissioning of new or significantly modified facilities	X		
ELEMENT 10: EMER	RGEN	CYRI	ESPONSE AND CONTROL
Maintain and revise accordingly emergency response and control plans	X		
Emergency response and control plan for use during an emergency when working on a sub-contractor owned facility, such as a drilling rig, lift boat, derrick barge, motor vessel, etc. contracted by Contractor	х		
			INVESTIGATION
Investigation of incidents	X	X	Owner reserves the right to participate as necessary
Investigation of incidents that occur on a sub-contractor owned facility (rig, derrick barge, lift boat, motor vessel, etc.) by a third party	X	X	Owner reserves the right to participate as necessary
ELE	MENT	12: A	UDITING

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SEMS BRIDGING AGREEMENT & INTERFACE DOCUMENT

Manage/facilitate/execute SEMS auditing in accordance with 30 CFR 250.1920		X	Owner reserves the right to conduct audits as necessary of the Contractor SEMS
	ORDK	EEPI	NG & DOCUMENTATION
Record retention, management and control of all records pertaining to scope of operations	X	X	Contractor will maintain all records and share records and documentation as required or requested by Owner
	4: ST(OP W	ORK AUTHORITY
Ensure all personnel have the authority to stop work	X	X	
	IMAT	EWO	ORK AUTHORITY (UWA)
Establish person with ultimate work authority (UWA) and communicate UWA to all crewmembers	X		
For situations that may develop during drilling, workover and P&A operations, such as well control or other emergency conditions that may require the UWA responsibility to shift to another individual	X	1	As designated in job planning, the UWA will be communicated to all. On sub-contractor owned facilities, sub-contractor is responsible for providing Contractor with UWA designated Parties
In the event that stop work authority is initiated for imminent risk or danger, work can only resume after the person with UWA has granted approval	X		
ELEMENT 16:	: EMP	LOYE	EE PARTICIPATION
Employee participation and involvement program	X		
ELEMENT 17: REPORT	TING	UNSA	FE WORKING CONDITIONS
Any person may report to BSEE any hazardous or unsafe working condition or possible violation on any facility engaged in OCS activities. In addition, Contractor will provide, at request of Owner, any reports necessary to ascertain working knowledge of unsafe working conditions	X	x	
OWNER APPROVAL Fieldwood Energy I LLC By:			CONTRACTOR APPROVAL [Fieldwood Energy II LLC] By:
GOM Shelf LLC			
By:(SIGNATURE)			
Owner Authorized Representative (PRINT NAME)			Contractor Authorized Representative: (PRINT NAME)
Title:			Title:

Date: ____

Date:

Exhibit 17

Amended BriarLake Sublease

Execution Version

FOURTH AMENDMENT TO SUBLEASE AGREEMENT

THIS FOURTH AMENDMENT TO SUBLEASE AGREEMENT (this "<u>Amendment</u>") is made and entered into as of the __ day of _____, 202_, by and between APACHE CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation ("<u>Sublessor</u>"), and FIELDWOOD ENERGY LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>Sublessee</u>").

WHEREAS, Sublessor and Sublessee entered into that certain Sublease Agreement, dated as of September 30, 2013, pertaining to certain space in the building known as One BriarLake Plaza located at 2000 West Sam Houston Parkway South, Houston, Texas (the "Original Sublease"), as amended by that certain First Amendment to Sublease Agreement, dated as of January 2, 2014, between Sublessor and Sublessee (the "First Amendment"), as further amended by that certain Second Amendment to Sublease Agreement, dated as of September 7, 2017, between Sublessor and Sublessee (the "Second Amendment"), and as further amended by that certain Third Amendment to Sublease Agreement, dated as of May 21, 2018, between Sublessor and Sublessee (the "Third Amendment", and the Original Sublease, the First Amendment, the Second Amendment, and the Third Amendment collectively, the "Sublease");

WHEREAS, commencing August 3, 2020, Sublessee and certain affiliates of Sublessee filed voluntary petitions with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division (the "Bankruptcy Court") initiating their respective cases pending under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code styled *In re Fieldwood Energy LLC, et al.*, jointly administered under Case No. 20-33948 (MI) (the "Chapter 11 Case"); and

WHEREAS, Sublessor and Sublessee desire to further amend the Sublease pursuant to this Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration and of the mutual agreements hereinafter set forth, Sublessor and Sublessee stipulate, covenant, and agree as follows:

- 1. All undefined capitalized terms used in this Amendment shall have the meaning given to them in the Sublease. The term "Effective Date" means the first day of the month after occurrence of each of (i) Sublessee's express assumption of the Sublease, as amended by this Amendment, with approval of such assumption by order of the Bankruptcy Court in form and substance reasonably acceptable to Sublessor, (ii) Sublessee's payment in full to Sublessor of all amounts owed by Sublessee to Sublessor pursuant to the Sublease, which, as of the date hereof, are indicated on Schedule 1 attached hereto, and (iii) Prime Lessor's execution and delivery to Sublessor of its written consent to this Amendment.
- 2. On and as of the Effective Date, expiration of the Sublease Term pursuant to Section 3.01 of the Original Sublease is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) The Sublease Term shall expire on October 31, 2024, unless terminated earlier pursuant to the terms of the Sublease, as amended by this Amendment.
- (b) Sublessee shall have the right and option to terminate the Sublease Term as to any of (i) all of floor 12 of the Subleased Premises, (ii) all of floor 15 of the Subleased Premises, or (iii) Suite B0300 in the basement level of the Subleased Premises, with any such termination in the case of (i), (ii), and (iii) being effective no earlier than after occurrence of each of (1) effectiveness of Sublessee's Plan of Reorganization (defined below), (2) consummation of the Credit Bid Transaction, (3) consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Divisive Merger Documents (defined below), (4) the second anniversary of the Effective Date, and (5) timely delivery of Requisite Notice (defined below).
- (c) Sublessee shall have the right and option to terminate the Sublease Term as to any of (i) all of floor 16 of the Subleased Premises, (ii) all of floor 17 of the Subleased Premises, (iii) all of floor 18 of the Subleased Premises, (iv) Suite B0150 in the basement level of the Subleased Premises, or (v) Suite B0200 in the basement level of the Subleased Premises, with any such termination in the case of (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) being effective no earlier than after occurrence of each of (1) effectiveness of Sublessee's Plan of Reorganization, (2) consummation of the Credit Bid Transaction, (3) consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Divisive Merger Documents, (4) termination of the Transition Services Agreement (defined below), (5) termination of the Service Provider Agreement (defined below), if any, and (6) timely delivery of Requisite Notice.
- (d) To exercise any option under Section 2(b) or 2(c) of this Amendment, Sublessee must deliver to Sublessor no later than six months before the date on which the termination is to be effective a written notice of such exercise, specifying the eligible whole floor or whole floors or basement Suite or Suites in respect of which such early termination of the Sublease Term is to apply, certifying that such exercise complies with the requirements of Section 2(b) or 2(c) hereof, as applicable, and specifying the effective date of such termination, which can be no earlier than six months after the date on which such notice is delivered to Sublessor ("Requisite Notice").

As used in this Amendment, the following terms have the indicated meaning:

"Bankruptcy Code" means title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532, as amended.

"Confirmation Order" means the confirmation order entered in the Bankruptcy Case which, if and to the extent such confirmation order directly affects Sublessor in its capacity as such or pertains to the Sublease, as amended by this Amendment, or other Apache Definitive Documents (as defined in that certain Apache Term Sheet Implementation Agreement, dated as of the date hereof, by and among Sublessee, GOM Shelf LLC, Sublessor, Apache Shelf, Inc., and Apache Deep Water LLC), shall be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to Sublessor.

"Credit Bid Transaction" means the sale of certain of the Sublessee's deepwater assets and other assets to FWII, which sale may be effectuated through the Plan of Reorganization or as a standalone sale outside of the Plan of Reorganization pursuant to section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code with approval by order of the Bankruptcy Court in form and substance reasonably acceptable to Sublessor with respect to provisions affecting the Sublease or this Amendment.

- "<u>Divisive Merger Documents</u>" means the certificate of division, the plan of division, the certificate of merger, and other documents included in, and confirmed by, the Confirmation Order and filed by or on behalf of Sublessee with the Texas Secretary of State.
- "<u>Fieldwood Energy I LLC</u>" or "<u>FWI</u>" means a Texas limited liability company resulting from implementation of the Divisive Merger Documents, with the composition and structure of the ownership, management, assets, and liabilities of such company being satisfactory to Sublessor.
- "FWII" means an entity to be formed and organized under the laws of a state of the United States of America at the direction of the Prepetition FLTL Lenders (as defined in the RSA) for the purposes of the Credit Bid Transaction, with the composition and structure of the ownership, assets, and liabilities of such entity being reasonably satisfactory to Sublessor, it being agreed that the ownership, assets and liabilities of such entity shall be deemed to be reasonably satisfactory to Sublessor so long as it is consistent with the description of such entity referred to as "Fieldwood II" in the RSA.
- "<u>Plan of Reorganization</u>" means the plan of reorganization of Sublessee included in, and confirmed by, the Confirmation Order, including, without limitation, the Assignment (defined in Section 7 below) and FWII Assumption (defined in Section 7 below).
- "RSA" means that certain Restructuring Support Agreement, dated as of August 4, 2020, by and among Sublessee and certain affiliates of Sublessee, certain of its affiliates specified therein, Sublessor, and the Consenting Creditors (as defined in the RSA), as the same may be amended, restated, or otherwise modified in accordance with its terms.
- "Service Provider Agreement" means a service provider agreement if entered into by FWI or Sublessor and FWII pursuant to which FWII is service provider to perform all operations and/or plugging and abandonment and decommissioning activities with respect to the properties or assets of FWI and GOM Shelf LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and its successors and assigns.
- "<u>Transition Services Agreement</u>" means a transition services agreement between FWI and FWII in form and substance attached as Exhibit A to FWI's Limited Liability Company Agreement and to be entered into upon the effectiveness of the Plan of Reorganization.
- 3. On and as of the Effective Date, each of (i) Section 3.05 of the Original Sublease, relating to a mutual option to extend the Sublease Term, (ii) Section 17.02 of the Original Sublease, relating to Vacated Space, and (iii) Section 5 of the Third Amendment, relating to a right of first refusal, is terminated.
- 4. On and as of the Effective Date, (i) Base Rent for purposes of the first sentence in Section 4.01 of the Original Sublease, Section 3 of the Second Amendment, and Section 3 of the Third Amendment, and (ii) Storage Space Rental for purposes of Section 16.01 of the Original Sublease are hereby amended such that Sublessee shall pay Sublessor, without setoff or deduction whatsoever, except as expressly set forth in the Sublease, the following amounts for the indicated Subleased Premises commencing on the Effective Date through expiration of the Sublease Term, which amounts shall be in addition to Sublessee's Proportionate Share of Operating Expenses of the Building and all other amounts payable by Sublessee under the Sublease, as amended hereby:

Subleased Premises	Square Footage	Annual Base Rent/ Sq. Ft.	Amount/Month	Amount/Year
Floor 12	24,632	\$10.00	\$20,526.67	\$246,320.00
Floor 15	25,865	\$10.00	\$21,554.17	\$258,650.00
Floor 16	25,865	\$10.00	\$21,554.17	\$258,650.00
Floor 17	25,865	\$10.00	\$21,554.17	\$258,650.00
Floor 18	25,865	\$10.00	\$21,554.17	\$258,650.00
Suite B0300	3,704	\$10.00	\$3,086.67	\$37,040.00
Suite B0200	1,149	\$10.00	\$957.50	\$11,490.00
Suite B0150	<u>740</u>	\$10.00	<u>\$616.67</u>	<u>\$7,400.00</u>
Total	133,685	_	\$111,404.17	\$1,336,850.00

- 5. On and as of the Effective Date, Sublessee shall have no right under Article X of the Original Sublease to request Sublessor to exercise Sublessor's right to lease additional parking spaces attributable to the Subleased Premises or to substitute unreserved parking spaces attributable to the Subleased Premises for reserved parking spaces.
- 6. The Sublease remains in full force and effect in accordance with its terms and as of the Effective Date, as amended by Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this Amendment. As of the Effective Date, all references in the Sublease to "Sublease" shall mean the Sublease, as amended by this Amendment.
- 7. After the Effective Date and upon effectiveness of Sublessee's Plan of Reorganization, consummation of the Credit Bid Transaction and the transactions contemplated by the Divisive Merger Documents, full performance by Sublessee of Sublessee's obligations under the Sublease to the date of effectiveness of the Assignment, and the FWII Assumption, Sublessee hereby assigns to FWII the rights and delegates to FWII the duties of Sublessee under the Sublease, as amended by this Amendment (the "Assignment"). Upon effectiveness of the Assignment, FWII's execution and delivery to Sublessor of the below counterpart of this Amendment shall constitute FWII's assumption of, and FWII's agreement to fully and timely perform the obligations of Sublessee arising from and after the date of effectiveness of the Assignment under, the Sublease, as amended to the date thereof (the "FWII Assumption"), whereupon FWII shall be bound as Sublessee under the Sublease, as so amended, and all references in the Sublease, as so amended, to "Sublessee" shall mean FWII.
- 8. Each party warrants to the other that it has had no dealing with any broker or agent except Cushman & Wakefield of Texas, Inc. in connection with the negotiation or execution of this Amendment. Each party agrees to indemnify the other party and hold the other party harmless from and against any and all costs, expenses, or liability for commissions, fees, or other compensations or charges which are based on any agreement or understanding such party may have had with any broker or agent with respect to this Amendment.
- 9. For purposes of Section 1.04 of the Sublease, Sublessee's address for notice is updated to be as set forth beneath its signature below.
- 10. The parties may execute this Amendment in multiple original counterparts, each of which shall have the full force and effect of an original but constituting only one instrument.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, duly authorized representatives of the parties hereto have executed this Amendment as of the day and year first above written.

SUBLESSOR:

APACHE CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation

By:							
Name:	Timothy R. Custer						
Title:	Senior Vice President, Commercial						
SUBLESSEE:							
FIELI	DWOOD ENERGY LLC,						
a Dela	ware limited liability company						
By:							
Name:							
Fieldw	ood Energy LLC						
	vood Energy LLC W. Sam Houston Pkwy. South, Suite 1200						
2000 V	wood Energy LLC W. Sam Houston Pkwy. South, Suite 1200 on, TX 77042						
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FWII COUNTERPART

Upon existence of FWII, effectiveness of Sublessee's Plan of Reorganization, and consummation of the Credit Bid Transaction and transactions contemplated by the Divisive Merger Documents, an authorized representative of FWII executes this Amendment pursuant to Section 7 hereof on the date written below to evidence FWII's assumption of, and agreement to be bound by, and fully and timely perform the obligations of Sublessee arising from and after the date written below under, the Sublease, as amended to the date written below.

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Title:	
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Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL 2020
\$435,297.63	\$435,297.63	\$435,297.63	\$435,220.68	\$435,220.68	\$435,220.68	\$435,220.68	\$435,220.68	\$435,220.68	\$435,220.68	451,236.95	451,236.95	\$5,254,911.55
\$ 450,178.00	\$ 450,140.00	\$ 405,383.00	\$ 435,221.00	\$ 435,221.75	\$ 435,221.29	\$ 435,221.00	\$ 435,221.00	\$ 435,221.00	\$ 435,221.00	451,756.00	451,756.00	\$ 5,255,761.04
(\$14,880.37)	(\$14,842.37)	\$29,914.63	(\$0.32)	(\$1.07)	(\$0.61)	(\$0.32)	(\$0.32)	(\$0.32)	(\$0.32)	(\$519.05)	(\$519.05)	(\$849.49)

Rent - Total Pre-Petition \$189.25 Rent - Total Post-Petition (\$1,038.74)

RESERVED/VIP PARKING

Billed Rec'd Difference

			PRE	-PETITION						POS	T-PETITION			l	
\$ 530.43	\$ 530.43	\$ 530.43	\$	530.43	\$ 530.43	\$ 530.43	\$ 530.43	\$ 530.43	\$ 530.43	\$	151.55	\$ 1,017.55	\$ 1,017.55	\$	6,960.52
\$ 530.43	\$ 530.43	\$ 530.43	\$		\$ 530.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 530.43	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$	2,652.15
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Parking - Total Pre-Petition \$1,591.29
Parking - Total Post-Petition \$2,717.08

ANCILLARY

Billed Rec'd Difference

			PR	E-PETITION						POS	T-PETITION			
\$ 5,670.00	\$ 4,282.36	\$ 5,924.37	\$	12,282.77	May-June	\$ 7,305.30	\$ 4,002.69	\$ 5,140.25	\$ 6,657.35	\$	3,505.70	\$ 3,532.09	\$ 3,499.98	\$ 61,802.86
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Parking - Total Pre-Petition \$ 23,590.76 Parking - Total Post-Petition \$ 22,265.88

SUMMARY	Pre	-Petition	Po	st-Petition
Rent		\$189.25		(\$1,038.74)
Parking		\$1,591.29		\$2,717.08
Ancillary	\$	23,590.76	\$	22,265.88
TOTAL		\$25,371.30		\$23,944.22

Exhibit 18

Certification of Rights

CERTIFICATION OF RIGHTS

With respect to any decommissioning obligations for which Apache Corporation, or any of its subsidiaries, or a third party designated by Apache Corporation or one of its subsidiaries (as the case may be, the "Applicable Decommissioning Operator") either (a) conducts or seeks to conduct pursuant to an order from the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement ("BSEE"), the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management ("BOEM"), their respective successor agencies, or any other governmental unit having jurisdiction over such decommissioning obligations or (b) becomes obligated to perform pursuant to any contractual obligation (in each case, such decommissioning obligations being hereinafter referred to as "Decommissioning Obligations"), FWE I hereby certifies that it has:

- 1. Assigned to such Applicable Decommissioning Operator, to the extent such activity was permitted under the underlying agreement, all documentation, plans, files, permits, contracts, and contract rights, boarding rights, access rights, utilization rights, applicable litigious rights, rights to payment, rights to reimbursement, rights to contribution, audit rights, and any other benefit available to FWE I in conjunction with applicable decommissioning operations which are the subject of the applicable Decommissioning Obligation, each such assignment was made solely as the rights relate to such Decommissioning Obligation;
- 2. Authorized the Applicable Decommissioning Operator to perform all required decommissioning operations on any FWE I property or infrastructure that is the subject of a Decommissioning Obligation;
- 3. Granted boarding access to the Applicable Decommissioning Operator for any infrastructure owned by FWE I, or to which FWE I has contract access rights, as such may be necessary or convenient for the Applicable Decommissioning Operator or its contractors, representatives, or designees, or the employees, agents, or consultants of any of them, to perform and fulfill each applicable Decommissioning Obligation, without need of further authorization or agreement of FWE I;
- 4. Assigned and quitclaimed to the Applicable Decommissioning Operator any salvaged property or materials and the salvage value for any property or infrastructure decommissioned by the Applicable Decommissioning Operator;
- 5. Granted to the Applicable Decommissioning Operator access to all contracts applicable to any and all properties and infrastructure associated with the applicable Decommissioning Obligation and assigned to the Applicable Decommissioning Operator, solely as they relate to such Decommissioning Obligation, any contract and/or contract rights or benefits necessary or convenient to the performance of the Decommissioning Obligation or to the rights or ability of the Applicable

- Decommissioning Operator to collect and obtain contributions from any and all applicable third parties who have obligations to pay for or contribute to all or any part of the Decommissioning Obligations; and
- 6. Assigned all rights to payment, rights to reimbursement, and rights to contribution for decommissioning expenses available to FWE I for any property made the subject of a Decommissioning Obligation.

FWE I further authorizes any co-owner, counterparty, contractor, or other person or entity to rely on the foregoing certifications in taking in action or making any payment or contribution as may be requested or directed by the Applicable Decommissioning Operator toward the fulfillment of the applicable Decommissioning Obligations.

By:			
Name:			
Title:			

FIELDWOOD ENERGY I LLC

Exhibit B

Schedule of Defined Terms for Required Confirmation Order Provisions

"**Decommissioning Agreement**" means that Decommissioning Agreement dated as of September 30, 2013, by and among the Apache PSA Parties, FWE, and the other parties thereto.

["**Lien**" means, with respect to any asset, (a) any mortgage, deed of trust, lien, pledge, hypothecation, encumbrance, charge or security interest in, on or of such asset, (b) the interest of a vendor or a lessor under any conditional sale agreement, capital lease or title retention agreement (or any financing lease having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing) relating to such asset and (c) in the case of securities, any purchase option, call or similar right of a third party with respect to such securities.]¹

"Permitted Post-Closing Liens" means with respect to the properties allocated to Fieldwood Energy I LLC and the GOM Shelf LLC properties, the Liens created by or pursuant to the Recharacterization Mortgages or Standby Loan Agreement.

"Recharacterization Mortgages" has the meaning given to such term in the Decommissioning Agreement.

"Standby L	oan Agreement"	means that	certain Star	ndby Loan <i>A</i>	Agreement o	dated as of
[, 20[•]]] by and among F	Fieldwood Er	nergy I LLC	C, GOM Shel	If LLC, and	Apache as
lender thereunder.						

¹ NTD: Definition of Lien to be discussed.

Exhibit 19

Sole Manager Agreement

[COMPANY LETTERHEAD]

[SOLE MANAGER NAME] [ADDRESS] [DATE]

Dear [SOLE MANAGER NAME],

This letter agreement (this "Agreement") sets forth the terms and conditions whereby you agree to provide the services to be performed by the "Sole Manager" on behalf of or in the service of Fieldwood Energy I LLC, a Texas limited liability company (the "Company"), as more fully set forth and described in the Limited Liability Company Agreement of the Company, dated as of [●], 2020 (such agreement, as it may be amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time, the "Company Agreement"), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A hereto. As used in this Agreement, the term "Parties" shall refer to both you and the Company and "Party" shall refer to you or the Company.

Section 1. Services.

- (a) The Company hereby agrees to employ you, and you hereby accept such employment, as the Sole Manager (as defined in the Company Agreement) to perform for or provide to the Company the services that are specified in the Company Agreement to be performed or provided by the Sole Manager or that are otherwise delegated or assigned to you by the Independent Director (as defined in the Company Agreement) in accordance with the Company Agreement (the "Services"), such Services to be performed or provided on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Company Agreement and this Agreement.
- (b) The scope of the Services to be performed or provided by you as the Sole Manager and your authority to take actions on behalf of the Company as the Sole Manager shall be subject to the limitations thereon as set forth in the Company Agreement and this Agreement, as well as any limitations imposed by the Independent Director in connection with those Services that are delegated or assigned to you by the Independent Director. The Services shall include the services described on Schedule I attached hereto.
- (c) You shall devote your full business time, attention, skill, and best efforts to performing or providing the Services and to the furtherance of the Company's interests. You shall perform or provide the Services and carry out the responsibilities reasonably related thereto, to the best of your ability, in a diligent, trustworthy, and businesslike manner for the purpose of advancing the business of the Company.
- (d) Your principal place of employment shall be at [COMPANY'S CORPORATE OFFICE ADDRESS] subject to business travel as needed to fulfill your employment duties and responsibilities.
- Section 2. <u>Term of Employment</u>. The term of your employment under this Agreement shall commence as of the date set forth above and shall continue until the earlier of (a) the date on which you are removed as the Sole Manager by the Company for any reason, with the consent of Apache Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Apache"), and (b) the [tenth] anniversary of this Agreement, unless extended annually thereafter (such period of time, the "Employment Period"). You acknowledge and understand that your employment with the Company will be at-will, meaning that you or the Company (with Apache's consent) may terminate the employment relationship at any time, with or without Cause (as defined herein), and with or without notice and for any reason or no particular reason. Although your compensation [and benefits] may change from time to time, the at-will nature of your employment

may only be changed by an express written agreement signed by the Independent Director, and shall be subject to the prior written consent of Apache.

Section 3. <u>Compensation</u>.

- (a) In consideration for your performing or providing the Services and any duties related thereto and the rights granted to the Company in this Agreement, the Company shall pay you an initial base salary of \$[●] per year[, subject to review from time to time], payable [biweekly][monthly] and subject to all withholdings and deductions as required by law.
- (b) You shall also be entitled to receive the compensation described on Schedule II attached hereto, subject to the conditions described on Schedule II.
- (c) [All forms of compensation paid to you as an employee of the Company shall be less all applicable withholdings.]
- (d) The Company shall pay or reimburse you for all expenses (including travel expenses) reasonably incurred by you during the Employment Period in connection with performing or providing the Services or carrying out the responsibilities reasonably related thereto, provided that you shall provide to the Company reasonable documentation or evidence of expenses for which you seek reimbursement.

Section 4. Intellectual Property Rights.

- The Company is, and will be, the sole and exclusive owner of all right, title, and interest (a) throughout the world in and to all the results and proceeds of the Services and work related thereto performed or provided by you under this Agreement and the Company Agreement (collectively, the "Deliverables") and all other writings, technology, inventions, discoveries, processes, techniques, methods, ideas, concepts, research, proposals, and materials, and all other work product of any nature whatsoever, that are created, prepared, produced, authored, edited, modified, conceived, or reduced to practice in the course of your performing or providing the Services or other work performed in connection with the Services or this Agreement or the Company Agreement (collectively, and including the Deliverables, "Work Product"), including all patents, copyrights, trademarks (together with the goodwill symbolized thereby), trade secrets, know-how, and other confidential or proprietary information, and other intellectual property rights (collectively "Intellectual Property Rights") therein. You agree that the Work Product is hereby deemed "work made for hire" as defined in 17 U.S.C. § 101 for the Company and all copyrights therein automatically and immediately vest in the Company. If, for any reason, any Work Product does not constitute a "work made for hire," you hereby irrevocably assign to the Company, for no additional consideration, your entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in and to such Work Product, including all Intellectual Property Rights therein, including the right to sue for past, present, and future infringement, misappropriation, or dilution thereof.
- (b) You shall protect the assets of the Company from misuse or misappropriation, including, without limitation, any Work Product, Intellectual Property Rights, or other confidential information of the Company.
- (c) Notwithstanding Section 4(a), to the extent that any of your pre-existing materials identified in Schedule III are incorporated in or combined with any Deliverable or otherwise necessary for the use or exploitation of any Work Product, you hereby grant to the Company an irrevocable, worldwide, perpetual, royalty-free, non-exclusive license to use, publish, reproduce, perform, display, distribute, modify, prepare derivative works based upon, make, have made, sell, offer to sell, import, and otherwise

exploit such preexisting materials and derivative works thereof. The Company may assign, transfer, and sublicense such rights to others without your approval.

(d) As between you and the Company, the Company is, and will remain, the sole and exclusive owner of all right, title, and interest in and to any documents, specifications, data, know-how, methodologies, software, and other materials provided to you by the Company ("Company Materials"), including all Intellectual Property Rights therein. You have no right or license to reproduce or use any Company Materials except solely during the Employment Period to the extent necessary to perform your obligations under this Agreement in furtherance of the Company's business. All other rights in and to the Company Materials are expressly reserved by the Company. You have no right or license to use the Company's trademarks, service marks, trade names, logos, symbols, or brand names.

Section 5. Confidentiality.

- (a) You acknowledge that you will have access to information that is treated as confidential and proprietary by the Company, including, without limitation, the existence and terms of this Agreement and the Company Agreement, trade secrets, technology, and information pertaining to business operations and strategies, customers, pricing, marketing, finances, sourcing, [OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION,] seismic information, projected production, projected cost and expenses (including projected plugging and abandonment and decommissioning costs) or operations of the Company, its affiliates, or their suppliers or customers, in each case whether spoken, written, printed, electronic, or in any other form or medium (collectively, the "Confidential Information"). Any Confidential Information that you access or develop in connection with the Services or any work related thereto, including but not limited to any Work Product, shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Section 5. You agree not to use any Confidential Information for any purpose except as required in the performance of the Services. You shall notify the Independent Director and Apache immediately in the event you become aware of any loss or disclosure of any Confidential Information.
 - (b) Confidential Information shall not include information that:
- (i) is or becomes generally available to the public other than through your breach of this Agreement; or
- (ii) is communicated to you by a third party that had no confidentiality obligations with respect to such information.
- (c) Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent disclosure of Confidential Information as may be required by applicable law or regulation, or pursuant to the valid order of a court of competent jurisdiction or an authorized government agency.
- (d) Notice of Immunity Under the Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016 ("DTSA"). Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement:
- (i) You will not be held criminally or civilly liable under any federal or state trade secret law for any disclosure of a trade secret that:
- (A) is made: (1) in confidence to a federal, state, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney and (2) solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; or

- (B) is made in a complaint or other document that is filed under seal in a lawsuit or other proceeding.
- (ii) If you file a lawsuit for retaliation by the Company for reporting a suspected violation of law, you may disclose the Company's trade secrets to your attorney and use the trade secret information in the court proceeding if you:
 - (A) file any document containing the trade secret under seal; and
 - (B) do not disclose the trade secret, except pursuant to court order.

Section 6. Representations and Warranties.

- (a) You represent and warrant to the Company that:
- (i) you have the right to enter into this Agreement, to grant the rights granted herein and to perform fully all of your obligations in this Agreement and the Company Agreement;
- (ii) your entering into this Agreement with the Company and your performance of the Services or any work related thereto do not and will not conflict with or result in any breach or default under any other agreement to which you are subject, including, without limitation, any non-competition, non-solicitation, or other work-related restrictions imposed by a current or former employer;
- (iii) you will inform the Independent Director about any non-competition, non-solicitation, or other work-related restrictions to which you are subject and provide the Independent Director with as much information about them as possible, including any agreements between you and your current or former employer describing such restrictions on your activities;
- (iv) you will not: (1) remove or take any documents or proprietary data or materials of any kind, electronic or otherwise, with you from your current or former employer to the Company without written authorization from your current or former employer or (2) use or disclose any such confidential information of your current or former employer during the course and scope of your employment with the Company;
- (v) you will discuss any questions you may have about ownership of particular documents or other information with your current or former employer before removing or copying the documents or information for use in connection with your employment with the Company;
- (vi) you have the required skill, experience, and qualifications to perform the Services and any work related thereto, you shall perform the Services and such work in a professional and workmanlike manner in accordance with generally recognized industry standards for similar services and you shall devote sufficient resources to ensure that the Services are performed in a timely and reliable manner; and
- (vii) you shall perform the Services in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including by maintaining all licenses, permits, and registrations required to perform the Services or any work related thereto.
 - (b) The Company hereby represents and warrants to you that:

- (i) it has the full right, power, and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder; and
- (ii) the execution of this Agreement by its representative whose signature is set forth at the end hereof has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action.
- **Section 7.** <u>Indemnification</u>. You shall be entitled to indemnification by the Company on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Company Agreement.
- **Section 8.** <u>Insurance</u>. The Company shall, at its own expense, provide directors' and officers' liability insurance coverage to you in your capacity as the Sole Manager, in an amount and on terms reasonably customary for directors and officers of oil and gas exploration and production companies that are similarly situated to the Company. The Company shall notify you of the existence of and any termination, cancellation, or material adverse changes to such insurance coverage provided to you.

Section 9. Termination.

- (a) You or the Independent Director on behalf of the Company (in the case of the Independent Director, subject to the prior consent or approval of Apache as provided in the Company Agreement) may terminate this Agreement without Cause upon 60 calendar days' written notice to the other Party. In the event of termination by you pursuant to this clause (a), the Company shall pay you on a pro-rata basis for any portion of your salary then due and payable for any Services completed up to and including the date of such termination. In the event of termination by the Independent Director on behalf of the Company pursuant to this clause (a), the Company shall pay you six months of your base salary from and after the date of such termination.
- The Independent Director on behalf of the Company (subject to the prior consent and approval of Apache) may terminate this Agreement, effective immediately upon written notice to you, for "Cause" (as defined below), or, if the event giving rise to Cause is an event subject to clause (d) of the definition of Cause, then effective following any applicable right to cure set forth by the Independent Director in the written notice of termination if you do not cure the applicable failure(s), violation(s), breach(es), action(s), or inaction(s) giving rise to Cause within the cure period specified in the written notice of termination you receive from the Independent Director. You may terminate this Agreement, effective immediately upon written notice to the Independent Director (with a copy provided by you to Apache), if the Company breaches any material provision of this Agreement, and such breach is incapable of cure, or with respect to a breach capable of cure, the Company does not cure such breach within thirty (30) calendar days after the Independent Director's and Apache's receipt of your written notice of termination containing a description of the breach giving rise to the termination notice. As used herein, "Cause" means a good faith finding by the Independent Director (subject to the prior consent and approval of Apache) of: (a) the commission by you of an act of fraud, dishonesty, or embezzlement against the Company or any of its Affiliates or Subsidiaries, or any customer or client thereof; (b) the unauthorized disclosure by you of material Confidential Information or Intellectual Property Rights of the Company or any of its Affiliates or Subsidiaries; (c) your conviction (or a plea by you or on your behalf of nolo contendere) for: (i) a felony or (ii) a crime involving fraud, dishonesty or moral turpitude; or (d) your failure to perform your material duties as the Sole Manager of the Company in accordance with this Agreement, as reasonably determined by the Independent Director (subject to the prior consent and approval of Apache), or if you intentionally, or with gross negligence, take action (or elect not to take action) or engage in conduct adverse to the interests of the Company, its Affiliates, it Subsidiaries, or its or their assets, business or business opportunities that the Independent Director (subject to the prior consent and approval of Apache) has reasonably determined is or could be materially injurious to the Company; provided, however, that prior to a termination for Cause under clause (d) of this definition the Independent Director shall provide written notice to you of any such

failure(s), violation(s), breach(es), action(s), or inaction(s) upon which the Company intends to rely as the basis for a termination for Cause and the Independent Director will offer the Sole Manager (subject to the consent and approval of Apache) no less than five (5) calendar days to cure such failure(s), violation(s), breach(es), action(s), or inaction(s) (as applicable) if the Independent Director, in the exercise of its good faith judgment, deems such failure(s), violation(s), breach(es), action(s), or inaction(s) (as applicable) to be capable of cure; provided, further, that the Independent Director shall only be required to give the Sole Manager such notice and opportunity to cure one time. In the event of termination by the Independent Director on behalf of the Company pursuant to this clause (b) for Cause or by you pursuant to this clause (b), the Company shall pay you on a pro-rata basis for any portion of your salary then due and payable for any Services completed up to and including the effective date of such termination.

- (c) Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason, or at any other time upon the Company's written request, you shall promptly after such expiration or termination:
- (i) deliver to the Company all Deliverables (whether complete or incomplete) and all materials, equipment, and other property provided for your use by the Company;
- (ii) deliver to the Company all tangible documents and other media (including any copies), containing, reflecting, incorporating, or based on the Confidential Information;
- (iii) permanently erase all the Confidential Information from your personal computer systems; and
- (iv) certify in writing to the Company that you have complied with the requirements of this clause.
- (d) The terms and conditions of clause (c) and this clause (d) of Section 9 and Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, Error! Reference source not found., 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

Section 10. <u>Non-Competition</u>.

- (a) You acknowledge that (i) the Company and its affiliates will be engaged in the acquisition, disposition, ownership, operation, plugging and abandonment, and decommissioning of the Legacy Apache Properties (as defined in the Company Agreement) and the GOM Shelf Properties (as defined in the Company Agreement) during the Employment Period and thereafter; (ii) during the Employment Period, you will be actively and significantly involved in the day-to-day operations of the Company and its affiliates as the Sole Manager pursuant to the Company Agreement in carrying out the activities of the Company and its affiliates described in the immediately preceding clause (i); (iii) you occupy a position of trust and confidence with the Company and its affiliates during the Employment Period; and (iv) you will become familiar with the Company's and its affiliates' trade secrets and with other proprietary and confidential information (including the Confidential Information) concerning the Company and its affiliates and their respective operations and businesses.
- (b) During the Restricted Period (as defined below) in the Restricted Territory (as defined below), you shall not, directly or indirectly (whether as an owner, partner, shareholder, agent, officer, director, employee, independent contractor, consultant, or otherwise), own, operate, manage, control, invest in, perform services for, or engage or participate in any manner in, or render services to (alone or in association with any person or entity) or otherwise assist any person or entity that engages in, or owns, invests in, operates, manages, or controls any venture or enterprise that engages in, acquiring, disposing of, owning, operating, plugging and abandoning, or decommissioning oil and gas properties.

- (c) The term "Restricted Period" means the period of time from the date of this Agreement until 24 months after the termination of your employment relationship with the Company or any successor thereto for any reason (whether pursuant to a written agreement or otherwise). The Restricted Period shall be extended for a period equal to any time period that you are in violation of this Section 10. Nothing contained in Section 10(b) shall be construed to prevent you from investing in the stock of any competing corporation listed on a national securities exchange or traded in the over-the-counter market, but only if you are not involved in the business of said corporation and if you and your associates (as such term is defined in Regulation 14(A) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and as in effect on the date hereof), collectively, do not own more than an aggregate of 1.0% of the stock of such corporation.
 - (d) The term "Restricted Territory" means the Gulf of Mexico.
- (e) The Parties acknowledge that the business of the Company and its affiliates is the Gulf of Mexico and that you are performing or providing the Services to the Company and its affiliates throughout the Restricted Territory. If any court of competent jurisdiction at any time deems the Restricted Period unreasonably lengthy, or the Restricted Territory unreasonably extensive, or any of the covenants set forth in this Section 10 not fully enforceable, the other provisions of this Section 10, and this Agreement in general, will nevertheless stand and to the full extent consistent with law continue in full force and effect, and it is the intention and desire of the parties that the court treat any provisions of this Agreement that are not fully enforceable as having been modified to the minimum extent deemed necessary by the court to render them reasonable and enforceable and that the court enforce them to such extent (for example, that the Restricted Period be deemed to be the longest period permissible by law, but not in excess of the length provided for in Section 10(b), and the Restricted Territory be deemed to comprise the largest territory permissible by law under the circumstances but not in excess of the territory provided for in Section 10(b)).

Section 11. Additional Acknowledgments.

- (a) You acknowledge and agree that (i) the Services to be performed or provided by you to the Company as Sole Manager under the Company Agreement are of a special and unique character; (ii) you will obtain knowledge and skill relevant to the Company's industry, methods of doing business, and marketing and operational strategies by virtue of your employment; and (iii) the restrictive covenants and other terms and conditions of this Agreement (including, but not limited to, those in Sections 5 and Error! Reference source not found. of this Agreement) are reasonable and reasonably necessary to protect the legitimate business interest of the Company and its affiliates.
- (b) You further acknowledge that (i) the benefits provided to you under this Agreement, including the amount of your compensation, reflect, in part, your obligations and the Company's rights under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, those in Sections 5 and 10 of this Agreement; (ii) you have no expectation of any additional compensation, royalties, or other payment of any kind not otherwise referenced herein in connection herewith; and (iii) you will not suffer undue hardship by reason of full compliance with the terms and conditions of Sections 5 and 10 of this Agreement or the Company's enforcement thereof.
- **Section 12.** Assignment. Neither you nor the Company shall assign any rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party. Any purported assignment in violation of the foregoing sentence shall be deemed null and void *ab initio*. Subject to the limits on assignment stated in this Section 12, this Agreement will inure to the benefit of, be binding on, and be enforceable against each of the Parties and their respective successors and assigns.

- Section 13. Remedies. In the event you breach or threaten to breach Section 5 and Section 10 of this Agreement, you hereby acknowledge and agree that monetary damages would not afford an adequate remedy and that the Company shall be entitled to seek, in addition to other available remedies, a temporary or permanent injunction or other equitable relief restraining such breach or threatened breach from any court of competent jurisdiction, without the necessity of showing any actual damages, and without the necessity of posting any bond or other security. This equitable relief shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, legal remedies, monetary damages, or other available forms of relief.
- Section 14. <u>Disputes</u>. Subject to Section 13, any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of or related to this Agreement or any breach or termination of this Agreement, including but not limited to the Services or work related thereto that you provide to the Company, and any alleged violation of any federal, state, or local statute, regulation, common law, or public policy, whether sounding in contract, tort, or statute, shall be submitted to and decided by federal or state courts sitting in Harris County, Texas.
- Section 15. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue. This Agreement and all related documents including all exhibits and schedules attached hereto and all matters arising out of or relating to this Agreement and the Services or work related thereto provided hereunder, whether sounding in contract, tort, or statute, for all purposes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Texas (including its statutes of limitations), without giving effect to the conflict of laws principles that would cause laws of any jurisdiction other than those of the State of Texas to apply.

Section 16. Miscellaneous.

- (a) You shall not export, directly or indirectly, any technical data acquired from the Company, or any products utilizing any such data, to any country in violation of any applicable export laws or regulations.
- (b) All notices, requests, consents, claims, demands, waivers, and other communications hereunder (each, a "Notice") shall be in writing, and shall be delivered by email and additionally by (i) personal delivery, (ii) nationally recognized overnight courier (with all fees prepaid), or (iii) certified or registered mail (in each case of clause (iii), return receipt requested, postage prepaid). Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, a Notice is effective only if (x) the receiving Party has received the Notice and (y) the Party giving the Notice has complied with the requirements of this Section 16(b). Any Notice must be sent to the respective Parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified in a Notice given in accordance with this Section 16(b)):

If to [SOLE MANAGER NAME]: [SOLE MANAGER ADDRESS]

Attention: [SOLE MANAGER NAME]

Email: [EMAIL ADDRESS]

[with a copy to

(which shall not constitute notice): Apache Corporation

2000 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 100

Houston, Texas 77056

Attention: [●] Email: [●]]¹

If to the Company: Fieldwood Energy I LLC

¹ <u>Note to Draft</u>: Apache notice information to be confirmed. Does Apache want to receive copies of notices sent to Independent Director or the Company or just those sent to the Company?

[COMPANY ADDRESS]
Attention: Independent Director
Email: [INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR
EMAIL ADDRESS]²

with a copy to (which shall not constitute notice):

Apache Corporation 2000 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 100 Houston, Texas 77056 Attention: [●]

(c) This Agreement, together with the applicable provisions of the Company Agreement and any other documents expressly incorporated herein by reference, and related exhibits and schedules, constitutes the sole and entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter contained herein, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous understandings, agreements, representations, and warranties, both written and oral, with respect to such subject matter.

Email: [•]

- (d) This Agreement may only be amended, modified, or supplemented by an agreement in writing signed by each Party, and any of the terms thereof may be waived only by a written document signed by each Party or, in the case of waiver, by the Party waiving compliance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties agree to amend or modify this Employment Agreement as is necessary to comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code.
- (e) If any term or provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other term or provision of this Agreement or invalidate or render unenforceable such term or provision in any other jurisdiction.
- (f) This Agreement may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile signature, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one instrument.

(Signature page follows)

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² <u>Note to Draft</u>: Confirm that notices to the Company under this Agreement would be addressed to the Independent Director.

If this Agreement accurately sets fort return it to the undersigned.	h our understanding, kindly execute the enclosed copy and
	Very truly yours,
	FIELDWOOD ENERGY I LLC
	By:Name: Title:
ACCEPTED AND AGREED:	
Name: Date:	

SCHEDULE I

SERVICES

SCHEDULE II

COMPENSATION

SCHEDULE III

1. PRE-EXISTING MATERIALS: [IDENTIFY SOLE MANAGER'S PRE-EXISTING MATERIALS]

EXHIBIT A

Limited Liability Company Agreement of Fieldwood Energy I LLC

(See attached)

Exhibit 20

Independent Director Agreement

[COMPANY LETTERHEAD]

[INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR NAME] [ADDRESS] [DATE]

Dear [INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR NAME],

This letter agreement (this "Agreement") sets forth the terms and conditions whereby you agree to provide the services to be performed by the "Independent Director" on behalf of or in the service of Fieldwood Energy I LLC, a Texas limited liability company (the "Company"), as more fully set forth and described in the Limited Liability Company Agreement of the Company, dated as of [●], 2020 (such agreement, as it may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time, the "Company Agreement"), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A hereto. As used in this Agreement, the term "Parties" shall refer to both you and the Company and "Party" shall refer to you or the Company.

Section 1. Services.

- (a) The Company hereby engages you, and you hereby accept such engagement, as the Independent Director (as defined in the Company Agreement) to provide to the Company the services specified in the Company Agreement to be performed or provided by the Independent Director (the "Services"), such Services to be performed or provided on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Company Agreement and this Agreement.
- (b) Except as otherwise set forth in the Company Agreement, the Company shall not control the manner or means by which you perform or provide the Services.
- (c) As set forth in Schedule 1, the Company shall provide you with access to its premises, materials, information, and systems to the extent necessary for the performance of the Services. Unless otherwise specified in Schedule 1, you shall furnish, at your own expense, the materials, equipment, and other resources necessary to perform the Services.
- (d) You shall comply with all rules and procedures communicated to you in writing by the Company, including those related to safety, security, and confidentiality.
- (e) Any provisions in this Agreement or the Company Agreement that may appear to give the Company the right to direct you as to the details of performing the Services or doing work related thereto or to exercise a measure of control over the performance of the Services or doing the work related thereto shall be deemed to mean that you shall follow the desires of the Company in the results of the Services or the work related thereto only; provided, however, that the scope of the Services to be performed or provided by you as Independent Director and your authority to take actions on behalf of the Company as Independent Director shall be subject to the limitations thereon as set forth in the Company Agreement and this Agreement.
- Section 2. <u>Term</u>. The term of this Agreement shall commence as of the date set forth above and shall continue until the earlier of (a) the date on which you are removed as the Independent Director by the Company, with the consent of Apache Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Apache"), and (b) the [tenth] anniversary of this Agreement, unless extended annually thereafter (the "Term").

Section 3. Fees and Expenses.

- (a) As full compensation for performance of the Services and any work related thereto and the rights granted to the Company in this Agreement, the Company shall pay you a fixed annual fee of \$[●] (the "Fees"), payable on the dates set forth in Schedule 1. You acknowledge that you will receive an IRS Form 1099-MISC from the Company, and that you shall be solely responsible for all federal, state, and local taxes, as set out in Section 4(b).
- (b) You are solely responsible for any travel or other costs or expenses incurred by you in connection with the performance of the Services, and in no event shall the Company reimburse you for any such costs or expenses.
- (c) The Company shall pay all the Fees in accordance with the payment schedule set forth on Schedule 1.

Section 4. Relationship of the Parties.

- (a) You are an independent contractor of the Company, and this Agreement shall not be construed to create any association, partnership, joint venture, employment, or agency relationship between you and the Company for any purpose. Except as expressly set forth in the Company Agreement, you have no authority (and shall not hold yourself out as having authority) to bind the Company and you shall not make any agreements or representations on the Company's behalf without the Company's prior written consent.
- (b) Without limiting Section 4(a), you will not be eligible to participate in any benefits or benefit plans offered by the Company to its employees, and the Company will not be responsible for withholding or paying any income, payroll, Social Security, or other federal, state, or local taxes, making any insurance contributions, including for unemployment or disability, or obtaining workers' compensation insurance on your behalf. You shall be responsible for, and shall indemnify the Company against, all such taxes or contributions, including penalties and interest. Any persons employed or engaged by you in connection with the performance of the Services or any work related thereto shall be your employees or contractors and you shall be fully responsible for them and indemnify the Company against any claims made by or on behalf of any such employee or contractor.

Section 5. <u>Intellectual Property Rights.</u>

The Company is, and will be, the sole and exclusive owner of all right, title, and interest (a) throughout the world in and to all the results and proceeds of the Services and work related thereto performed or provided by you under this Agreement and the Company Agreement (collectively, the "Deliverables") and all other writings, technology, inventions, discoveries, processes, techniques, methods, ideas, concepts, research, proposals, and materials, and all other work product of any nature whatsoever, that are created, prepared, produced, authored, edited, modified, conceived, or reduced to practice in the course of your performing or providing the Services or other work performed in connection with the Services or this Agreement or the Company Agreement (collectively, and including the Deliverables, "Work Product"), including all patents, copyrights, trademarks (together with the goodwill symbolized thereby), trade secrets, know-how, and other confidential or proprietary information, and other intellectual property rights (collectively "Intellectual Property Rights") therein. You agree that the Work Product is hereby deemed "work made for hire" as defined in 17 U.S.C. § 101 for the Company and all copyrights therein automatically and immediately vest in the Company. If, for any reason, any Work Product does not constitute a "work made for hire," you hereby irrevocably assign to the Company, for no additional consideration, your entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in and to such Work Product, including all Intellectual Property Rights therein, including the right to sue for past, present, and future infringement, misappropriation, or dilution thereof.

- (b) You shall protect the assets of the Company from misuse or misappropriation, including, without limitation, any Work Product, Intellectual Property Rights, or other confidential information of the Company.
- (c) Notwithstanding Section 5(a), to the extent that any of your pre-existing materials identified in Schedule 1 are incorporated in or combined with any Deliverable or otherwise necessary for the use or exploitation of any Work Product, you hereby grant to the Company an irrevocable, worldwide, perpetual, royalty-free, non-exclusive license to use, publish, reproduce, perform, display, distribute, modify, prepare derivative works based upon, make, have made, sell, offer to sell, import, and otherwise exploit such preexisting materials and derivative works thereof. The Company may assign, transfer, and sublicense such rights to others without your approval.
- (d) As between you and the Company, the Company is, and will remain, the sole and exclusive owner of all right, title, and interest in and to any documents, specifications, data, know-how, methodologies, software, and other materials provided to you by the Company ("Company Materials"), including all Intellectual Property Rights therein. You have no right or license to reproduce or use any Company Materials except solely during the Term to the extent necessary to perform your obligations under this Agreement in furtherance of the Company's business. All other rights in and to the Company Materials are expressly reserved by the Company. You have no right or license to use the Company's trademarks, service marks, trade names, logos, symbols, or brand names.

Section 6. <u>Confidentiality</u>.

- (a) You acknowledge that you will have access to information that is treated as confidential and proprietary by the Company, including, without limitation, the existence and terms of this Agreement and the Company Agreement, trade secrets, technology, and information pertaining to business operations and strategies, customers, pricing, marketing, finances, sourcing, [OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION,] seismic information, projected production, projected cost and expenses (including projected plugging and abandonment and decommissioning costs) or operations of the Company, its affiliates, or their suppliers or customers, in each case whether spoken, written, printed, electronic, or in any other form or medium (collectively, the "Confidential Information"). Any Confidential Information that you access or develop in connection with the Services or any work related thereto, including but not limited to any Work Product, shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Section 6. You agree not to use any Confidential Information for any purpose except as required in the performance of the Services. You shall notify the Company immediately in the event you become aware of any loss or disclosure of any Confidential Information.
 - (b) Confidential Information shall not include information that:
- (i) is or becomes generally available to the public other than through your breach of this Agreement; or
- (ii) is communicated to you by a third party that had no confidentiality obligations with respect to such information.
- (c) Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent disclosure of Confidential Information as may be required by applicable law or regulation, or pursuant to the valid order of a court of competent jurisdiction or an authorized government agency.

- (d) Notice of Immunity Under the Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016 ("DTSA"). Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement:
- (i) You will not be held criminally or civilly liable under any federal or state trade secret law for any disclosure of a trade secret that:
- (A) is made: (1) in confidence to a federal, state, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney and (2) solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; or
- (B) is made in a complaint or other document that is filed under seal in a lawsuit or other proceeding.
- (ii) If you file a lawsuit for retaliation by the Company for reporting a suspected violation of law, you may disclose the Company's trade secrets to your attorney and use the trade secret information in the court proceeding if you:
 - (A) file any document containing the trade secret under seal; and
 - (B) do not disclose the trade secret, except pursuant to court order.

Section 7. Representations and Warranties.

- (a) You represent and warrant to the Company that:
- (i) you have the right to enter into this Agreement, to grant the rights granted herein and to perform fully all of your obligations in this Agreement and the Company Agreement;
- (ii) your entering into this Agreement with the Company and your performance of the Services or any work related thereto do not and will not conflict with or result in any breach or default under any other agreement to which you are subject;
- (iii) you have the required skill, experience, and qualifications to perform the Services and any work related thereto, you shall perform the Services and such work in a professional and workmanlike manner in accordance with generally recognized industry standards for similar services and you shall devote sufficient resources to ensure that the Services are performed in a timely and reliable manner; and
- (iv) you shall perform the Services in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including by maintaining all licenses, permits, and registrations required to perform the Services or any work related thereto.
 - (b) The Company hereby represents and warrants to you that:
- (i) it has the full right, power, and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder; and
- (ii) the execution of this Agreement by its representative whose signature is set forth at the end hereof has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action.

- **Section 8.** <u>Indemnification</u>. You shall be entitled to indemnification by the Company on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Company Agreement.
- **Section 9.** <u>Insurance</u>. The Company shall, at its own expense, provide directors' and officers' liability insurance coverage to you in your capacity as the Independent Director, in an amount and on terms reasonably customary for directors and officers of oil and gas exploration and production companies that are similarly situated to the Company. The Company shall notify you of the existence of and any termination, cancellation, or material adverse changes to such insurance coverage provided to you.

Section 10. Termination.

- (a) You may resign as Independent Director and terminate this Agreement at any time without Cause (as defined below), or the Sole Manager on behalf of the Company (in the case of termination on behalf of the Company, subject to the prior consent or approval of Apache as provided in the Company Agreement) may remove you as Independent Director and terminate this Agreement without Cause at any time, in each case upon 60 calendar days' advance written notice to the other Party. In addition, this Agreement shall terminate upon your death any disability that renders you unable to perform the Services. In the event of termination by you or the Sole Manager on behalf of the Company pursuant to this clause (a) or upon your death or disability, the Company shall pay you (or your estate in the event of your death) on a pro-rata basis for any Fees then due and payable for any Services completed up to and including the effective date of such termination.
- The Sole Manager on behalf of the Company (subject to the prior consent and approval of Apache) may terminate this Agreement, effective immediately upon written notice to you, for "Cause" (as defined below), or, if the event giving rise to Cause is an event subject to clause (d) of the definition of Cause, then effective following any applicable right to cure set forth by the Sole Manager in the written notice of termination if you do not cure the applicable failure(s), violation(s), breach(es), action(s), or inaction(s) giving rise to Cause within the cure period specified in the written notice of termination you receive from the Sole Manager. You may terminate this Agreement, effective immediately upon written notice to the Sole Manager (with a copy provided by you to Apache), if the Company breaches any material provision of this Agreement, and such breach is incapable of cure, or with respect to a breach capable of cure, the Company does not cure such breach within thirty (30) calendar days after the Sole Manager's and Apache's receipt of your written notice of termination containing a description of the breach giving rise to the termination notice. As used herein, "Cause" means a good faith finding by the Sole Manager (subject to the prior consent and approval of Apache) of: (a) the commission by you of an act of fraud, dishonesty, or embezzlement against the Company or any of its Affiliates or Subsidiaries, or any customer or client thereof; (b) the unauthorized disclosure by you of material Confidential Information or Intellectual Property Rights of the Company or any of its Affiliates or Subsidiaries; (c) your conviction (or a plea by you or on your behalf of nolo contendere) for: (i) a felony or (ii) a crime involving fraud, dishonesty or moral turpitude; or (d) your failure to perform your material duties as the Independent Director of the Company in accordance with this Agreement, as reasonably determined by the Sole Manager (subject to the prior consent and approval of Apache), or if you intentionally, or with gross negligence, take action (or elect not to take action) or engage in conduct adverse to the interests of the Company, its Affiliates, it Subsidiaries, or its or their assets, business or business opportunities that the Sole Manager (subject to the prior consent and approval of Apache) has reasonably determined is or could be materially injurious to the Company; provided, however, that prior to a termination for Cause under clause (d) of this definition the Sole Manager shall provide written notice to you of any such failure(s), violation(s), breach(es), action(s), or inaction(s) upon which the Company intends to rely as the basis for a termination for Cause and the Sole Manager will offer the Independent Director (subject to the consent and approval of Apache) no less than five (5) calendar days to cure such failure(s), violation(s), breach(es), action(s), or inaction(s) (as applicable) if the Sole Manager, in the exercise of its good faith judgment, deems such failure(s),

violation(s), breach(es), action(s), or inaction(s) (as applicable) to be capable of cure; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that the Sole Manager shall only be required to give the Independent Director such notice and opportunity to cure one time. In the event of termination by the Company pursuant to this clause (b) for Cause or by you pursuant to this clause (b), the Company shall pay you on a pro-rata basis for any portion of your Fees then due and payable for any Services completed up to and including the effective date of such termination.

- (c) Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason, or at any other time upon the Company's written request, you shall promptly after such expiration or termination:
- (i) deliver to the Company all Deliverables (whether complete or incomplete) and all materials, equipment, and other property provided for your use by the Company;
- (ii) deliver to the Company all tangible documents and other media (including any copies), containing, reflecting, incorporating, or based on the Confidential Information;
- (iii) permanently erase all the Confidential Information from your personal computer systems; and
- (iv) certify in writing to the Company that you have complied with the requirements of this clause.
- (d) The terms and conditions of clause (c) and this clause (d) of Section 10 and Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, Error! Reference source not found., 12, 13, 14, and 15 shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.
- **Section 11.** Other Business Activities. You may be engaged or employed in any other business, trade, profession, or other activity that does not place you in a conflict of interest with the Company; provided that during the Term, you shall not be engaged in any business activities that do or may compete with the business of the Company without having first provided the Company with written notice of such proposed engagement not less than 75 calendar days prior to such engagement.
- **Section 12.** Assignment. Neither you nor the Company shall assign any rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party. Any purported assignment in violation of the foregoing sentence shall be deemed null and void *ab initio*. Subject to the limits on assignment stated in this Section 12, this Agreement will inure to the benefit of, be binding on, and be enforceable against each of the Parties and their respective successors and assigns.
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If to [INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR NAME]: [INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR ADDRESS]

Attention: [INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR NAME]

Email: [EMAIL ADDRESS]

[with a copy to

(which shall not constitute notice): Apache Corporation

2000 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 100

Houston, Texas 77056

Attention: [●] Email: [●]]¹

If to the Company: Fieldwood Energy I LLC

[COMPANY ADDRESS] Attention: Sole Manager

Email: [SOLE MANAGER EMAIL ADDRESS]

with a copy to

(which shall not constitute notice): Apache Corporation

2000 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 100

Houston, Texas 77056

Attention: [●] Email: [●]

(c) This Agreement, together with the applicable provisions of the Company Agreement and any other documents expressly incorporated herein by reference, and related exhibits and schedules,

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constitutes the sole and entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter contained herein, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous understandings, agreements, representations, and warranties, both written and oral, with respect to such subject matter.

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- (f) This Agreement may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile signature, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one instrument.

(Signature page follows)

If this Agreement accurately se return it to the undersigned.	ets forth our understanding, kindly execute the enclosed copy and
	Very truly yours,
	FIELDWOOD ENERGY I LLC
	By: Name: Title:
ACCEPTED AND AGREED:	
Name: Date:	
Date.	

SCHEDULE 1

- 1. ACCESS PROVIDED BY COMPANY: [PREMISES,] [MATERIALS,] [INFORMATION,] AND [SYSTEMS]
- 2. PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Fees shall be paid on a pro rata basis [quarterly][monthly] on the last day of such [fiscal quarter][month] of the Company, beginning with the first such date occurring following the date of this Agreement.
- 3. DELIVERABLES: [IDENTIFY DELIVERABLES]
- 4. PRE-EXISTING MATERIALS: [IDENTIFY INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR'S PRE-EXISTING MATERIALS]

EXHIBIT A

Limited Liability Company Agreement of Fieldwood Energy I LLC

(See attached)

Exhibit 21

Form of Contract Services Agreement

CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Contract Services Agreement dated and effective as of ______, 202_ (the "<u>Effective Date</u>") (this "<u>Agreement</u>") is by and among [•] (the "<u>Operator</u>"), FIELDWOOD ENERGY I LLC, a Texas limited liability company (the "<u>Fieldwood Energy I</u>") and GOM SHELF LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>GOM Shelf</u>" and, together with Fieldwood Energy I, the "<u>Owners</u>", and each, an "<u>Owner</u>"). Operator and Owners are sometimes referred to collectively as the "<u>Parties</u>" and individually as a "<u>Party</u>".

WHEREAS, each Owner is the operator, as designated by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management of the United States Department of the Interior ("<u>BOEM</u>"), of certain of the Assets (as defined below);

WHEREAS, Owners and Fieldwood Energy II LLC, a Texas limited liability company, have entered into that certain Transition Services Agreement dated [•], 202_ (as such agreement may be amended from time to time, the "<u>Transition Agreement</u>"), pursuant to which Fieldwood Energy II LLC agreed to provide certain transition services to Owners with respect to the Assets, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, upon the termination of the Transition Agreement as to the Assets, Owners desire to engage Operator to perform the Services (as defined below) with respect to the oil and gas properties described on **Schedule I** (the "<u>Assets</u>"), and Operator desires to perform such Services, subject to the terms hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual promises, covenants, conditions, and agreements contained herein and for other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I. SERVICES

Section 1.1 Services. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, Owners hereby engage Operator to perform, or cause to be performed, all those certain operations and activities with respect to the Assets, as more particularly identified on Exhibit A (the "Services"), in accordance with the Approved Budget and reasonable written instructions provided from time to time during the Term of this Agreement to Operator by the Sole Manager of Fieldwood Energy I on behalf of the Owners.

Section 1.2 <u>Decommissioning</u>. In addition to the operations and activities identified on **Exhibit A**, the Services shall include plugging, abandonment, removal, site clearance, site survey, remediation, disposal, restoration operations, and any other decommissioning activities associated with (i) the Assets described or identified on **Exhibit B** in accordance with the timing set forth on **Exhibit B** (the "<u>Decommissioning Plan</u>") and (ii) all other Assets, to the extent not included in the Decommissioning Plan, as and when required by (a) applicable Laws, including, without limitation, the rules and regulations of BOEM, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement ("<u>BSEE</u>"), or any other local, state, or federal governmental entity having jurisdiction over the Assets (collectively, "<u>Governmental Authorities</u>") or (b) applicable contracts (in the case of the decommissioning covered by this clause (ii), "<u>Remaining Decommissioning</u>" and together

with the Decommissioning Plan, "Required Decommissioning"). Promptly upon determining, learning, or being notified that Remaining Decommissioning is or will be required, Operator shall provide written Notice to Owner(s) describing the applicable Remaining Decommissioning in reasonable detail and setting forth the date by which such Remaining Decommissioning is required to be completed and Operator's preliminary estimate of the costs for Operator to perform the applicable Remaining Decommissioning. Required Decommissioning shall be performed in accordance with the rules and regulations of BOEM, BSEE, and all other applicable Governmental Authorities having jurisdiction, applicable Laws, and in compliance with the terms of all applicable leases, contracts, or agreements pertaining to such Required Decommissioning. Within thirty (30) Business Days after the completion of any Required Decommissioning, or any part thereof, and any other activities required by the BSEE or other applicable Governmental Authorities having jurisdiction, Operator will provide Owners with: (1) copies of the final reports submitted to BSEE or such other Governmental Authorities; (2) an affidavit or sworn declaration signed by an appropriately authorized senior officer of Operator attesting to completion thereof; (3) a statement identifying all costs incurred in connection therewith (the "Statement"); and (4) such other documentation as requested by Sole Manager of Fieldwood Energy I on behalf of Owners. Operator will include with the Statement all available back up accounting documentation reasonably necessary to support the information reflected thereon.

Section 1.3 Standard of Performance. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, Operator shall perform or cause to be performed the Services (a) as a reasonably prudent operator, (b) in a good and workmanlike manner, (c) with due diligence and dispatch, (d) in accordance with good oilfield practices, and (e) in compliance with all applicable Laws, licenses, leases, contracts, authorizations and permits. Operator shall only use the Assets (including Seismic Data, Well Data, intellectual property, and records included in the Assets) for the performance of the Services under this Agreement, and for no other purpose. For purposes of this Agreement, "Laws" means any and all applicable laws, statutes, codes, constitutions, ordinances, decrees, writs, injunctions, orders, judgments, principles of common law, rules, licenses, leases, authorizations, or regulations (including environmental laws) that are promulgated, issued, or enacted by any Governmental Authority having jurisdiction.

Section 1.4 **Independent Contractor**. At all times during the performance of Services by Operator, all Persons performing such Services who shall be in the employ and/or under the control of Operator or its Affiliates (including agents, contractors, temporary employees, and consultants) shall be independent from each Owner and not employees of each Owner and shall not be entitled to any payment, benefit, or perquisite directly from Owners on account of such Services, including, but not limited to, group insurance and participation in any employee benefit and pension plans maintained by each Owner or any Affiliate of each Owner. Notwithstanding any other provision contained elsewhere in this Agreement, in all cases where the Operator is performing Services under this Agreement offshore the State of Louisiana or are otherwise covered by the Louisiana Worker's Compensation Act, La. Rev. Stat. § 23.1021 et seq., the Parties acknowledge and agree that all such operations pursuant to this Agreement are an integral part of and are essential to the ability of the Owners to generate Owners' goods, products, or services, and that whenever Services and work are performed hereunder in or offshore Louisiana, or the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Act may be applicable, the employees of Operator and their contractors providing such Services or performing such work, if any, whether direct, statutory,

borrowed, or otherwise, are statutory employees of each Owner in accordance with the Louisiana Worker's Compensation Act, La. Rev. Stat. § 23.1021 et seq. and the protections afforded a statutory employer under Louisiana Law shall apply. In such event, Operator agrees that such Owner is and shall be deemed a statutory employer of Operator's employees for the sole purposes of La. Rev. Stat. § 23.1061(A)(3), as the same may be amended from time to time. For purposes of this Agreement, (i) "Affiliate" with respect to a Party means any Person that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with such Party where control means the direct or indirect power to direct the management of the entity at issue and (ii) "Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, Governmental Authority, unincorporated organization, trust, association, or other entity.

Section 1.5 <u>Records</u>. Operator shall maintain or cause to be maintained true and correct records of all receipts, invoices, reports, and such other documents as are customarily maintained by Operator for its own operations relating to the Services rendered hereunder for a period of the later of (i) three (3) years following the end of the calendar year during which this Agreement terminates and (ii) such other time required by applicable Law. All such receipts, invoices, reports, and other documents are the property of Owners.

Section 1.6 Representatives. Each Party shall, at all times during the Term, keep representatives available either by telephone, electronic mail, or in person during normal business hours, to receive communications from the other Party regarding the day-to-day Services and to respond to inquiries concerning the performance of the day-to-day Services. For the avoidance of doubt, all Notices required or permitted hereunder shall be delivered pursuant to Section 8.2 of this Agreement. Operator's representatives are designated on Exhibit C. Owners' representative is the Sole Manager of Fieldwood Energy I. Operator and Owners may replace any of its representatives or designate such other representatives from time to time by written Notice to the other Party delivered pursuant to Section 8.2.

Section 1.7 Compliance. Operator shall comply with all Laws and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the contracts, agreements, leases, and other instruments applicable to the operation of the Assets. Operator shall prepare and file all reports and be responsible for all compliance with and communications on behalf of Owners to satisfy the reporting requirements of any Governmental Authorities for operations conducted by Operator hereunder.

Section 1.8 Limitation of Services.

(a) Unless otherwise expressly required or allowed by this Agreement, Operator shall (i) not abandon or permit any contracts, agreements, leases, and other instruments applicable to the Assets to lapse or expire (except any abandonment or termination pursuant to their terms or as required by any Governmental Authorities), (ii) not do, perform, or authorize or agree to bind or obligate Owners or the Assets with respect to any matter outside the scope of the Services contemplated by this Agreement without the prior written consent of Owners, and (iii) prevent the Assets or portions thereof from becoming burdened or encumbered by any liens, charges, security interests, and encumbrances as a result of Operator's acts or omissions in providing the Services.

- (b) Except to the extent expressly authorized pursuant to this Agreement, Operator shall not, without the prior written consent of Owners:
 - (i) make any payment to renew, extend, or otherwise perpetuate a lease; provided that Operator shall give Owner Notice of any such payment needed to so renew, extend, or perpetuate a lease;
 - (ii) plug and abandon any well, unless such well is part of Required Decommissioning;
 - (iii) execute, amend, waive, release, extend, terminate, or otherwise modify any of the governmental approvals, leases, or other agreements of the Assets;
 - (iv) (a) borrow or lend money on behalf of Owner; (b) participate in futures, derivatives, or hedging activities with respect to the Assets or any production therefrom; (c) purchase or sell any of the Assets or transfer or dispose of any equipment, material, or supplies on or comprising any part of an Asset; (d) execute any indemnification, release, or waiver on behalf of Owner or with respect to any Asset; (e) take any other action on behalf of Owner or pertaining to the Assets not in the ordinary course of business; (f) incur any cost or expense for geophysical items on behalf of Owner (including acquisition, processing, reprocessing, or interpretation); (g) make a capital expenditure or series of related capital expenditures on behalf of Owner not set forth in or in accordance with the Approved Budget for the applicable period, after giving effect to Permitted Variance (as defined below); or (h) assume, guarantee, or otherwise become liable or responsible (whether directly, contingently or otherwise) for the liabilities of any other Person or any indebtedness on behalf of Owner; or
 - (v) enter into any contract on behalf of Owner with respect to any of the foregoing in this Section 1.8(b).

ARTICLE II. BUDGET

Section 2.1 Periodic Budget. As of the date hereof, Owners have approved the operating and general and administrative budget for the period beginning on the date hereof and ending on [•] 31, 202[•] (the "Initial Period"), and attached as Exhibit E (the "Initial Periodic Budget"). On or before sixty (60) days prior to the end of Initial Periodic Budget or any subsequent Approved Budget period, Operator shall prepare and present to Owners, for Owners' approval, a proposed operating and general and administrative budget for the period of time specified by Owners (i.e. quarterly, annual, etc.) substantially in the format of the Initial Annual Budget. The proposed periodic budget is subject to Owners' approval in all respects; provided, however, that Operator agrees to timely address any issues that Owners might have raised with Operator with respect to such proposed budget. The Initial Periodic Budget, and the budget for any subsequent period that is approved by Owners, as any such budget may be modified or amended from time to time with the approval of Owners, is referred to as an "Approved Budget."

- Section 2.2 Annual Budget Variance Report. No later than ten (10) Business Days after the first day of the month, the Operator shall deliver to the Owners a rolling monthly and cumulative variance report (the "Budget Variance Report"). The Budget Variance Report shall measure performance against both the prior month of the Approved Budget and on a cumulative basis for the given budget period and shall include calculations that demonstrate that the Operator is in compliance with the Permitted Variance (defined below).
- Thirteen Week Cash Flow Budget. As of the date hereof, Owners have Section 2.3 approved the thirteen week cash flow budget for the period beginning on the date hereof and ending thirteen weeks after the date hereof, and attached as Exhibit F (the "Approved TWCF Budget"). Every ten (10) Business Days thereafter, the Operator may propose an updated budget (the "Proposed TWCF Budget") to the Owners, (i) which such report, shall set forth in comparative form the projected cash receipts and disbursements of the Operator in respect of the Services performed by Operator pursuant to this Agreement for the succeeding thirteen-week period, for all collections and disbursements, consistent in form and substance (other than Dollar amounts) with the Approved TWCF Budget. Each Proposed TWCF Budget and the Approved TWCF Budget delivered shall be accompanied by a certificate from an appropriately authorized senior officer of the Operator certifying that such projections were prepared in good faith on the basis of the assumptions stated herein, which assumptions were believed by the preparer thereof to be reasonable at the time prepared. The Sole Manager of Fieldwood Energy I, acting in its sole and absolute discretion, may approve such Proposed TWCF Budget on behalf of Owners, and upon such approval such Proposed TWCF Budget will then become the "Approved TWCF Budget" then in effect.
- **Section 2.4** TWCF Variance Report. Within ten (10) Business Days following the Effective Date, and every other week thereafter during the Term (each a "Test Date"), the Operator shall deliver to Owners a bi-weekly variance report (the "TWCF Variance Report"). The TWCF Variance Report shall measure performance against both the prior weeks of the Approved TWCF Budget and on a cumulative basis for the given prior four weeks and shall include calculations that demonstrate that the Operator is in compliance with the Permitted Variance.
- **Section 2.5** Permitted Variance. On each Test Date, Operator shall demonstrate in each such TWCF Variance Report that, in the period covered by such TWCF Variance Report, the aggregate actual disbursements, do not exceed the sum of the aggregate amount budgeted therefor in the Approved Budget for such period by more than ten percent (10%) of the budgeted amount (the "Permitted Variance"). Certification of compliance with this Section 2.5 shall be provided on such Test Date, concurrently with delivery of each TWCF Variance Report and shall have been certified by an appropriately authorized senior officer of the Operator and be in a form satisfactory to the Owners.
- **Section 2.6 Proposals.** If and as necessary, Operator shall, by Notice to Owners, propose operations to Owners on the Assets representing expenditures that are not included in an Approved Budget and that are considered by Operator as prudent, judged by it as if it were the owner of the Assets. Notices of proposed operations shall include an AFE (in a form substantially similar to **Exhibit G** attached hereto), which shall include the proposed operation or service, and

the estimated costs of such operation or service. Operator shall further consult with Owners in connection with the evaluation of any such proposed operations. Operator shall also notify Owners of any Notice of a proposed operation received by Operator from a third party that is not included in an Approved Budget. Operator will follow the instructions of Owners with respect to each proposed operation and provide timely Notices or responses as may be required. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, Operator may conduct or approve any operation in response to an emergency or prevention of an impending emergency and incur expenditures with respect thereto without the approval of Owners and shall be entitled to reimbursement for all such expenditures; provided, however, that Operator shall promptly provide Notice to Owners in the event of emergency actions or operations. Operator shall provide any technical evaluations regarding any drilling, reworking, or other capital expenditure projects that may be requested by Owners. With respect to any proposals made to Owners which Owners have not approved, Operator shall maintain a report of all such proposals and provide such report to Owners upon any Owner's request.

ARTICLE III. COMPENSATION

Section 3.1 <u>Compensation for Services</u>. For the provision of the Services, Owners shall pay Operator in accordance with **Exhibit H** ("Operator Compensation").

Section 3.2 Overhead. COPAS recoveries from third parties related to the Assets shall be accounted for on behalf of Owners. There shall be no separate charge by Operator relating to its overhead (including, but not limited to, head office overhead, field overhead, bonuses, and severances). For the avoidance of doubt, the Operator Compensation fully compensates Operator for its overhead.

ARTICLE IV. PAYMENT AND DEFAULT

Section 4.1 <u>Submission of Invoice</u>. Operator shall submit a written invoice (the "<u>Invoice</u>") to Owners on or before the fifteenth (15th) Business Day of each month setting forth the Operator Compensation for the preceding month for the Services provided by Operator and all out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Operator to the extent incurred in the performance of the Services. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, (i) all charges, out-of-pocket expenses, and other disbursements to Operator are subject to and shall not exceed the Approved Budget with respect to such charges, out-of-pocket expenses, and other disbursements for the applicable period, after giving effect to Permitted Variance and (ii) after giving effect to Permitted Variance, Operator shall be solely responsible for any and all costs and expenses incurred by the Operator or associated with the Services.

Section 4.2 Payment of Invoices. Excluding amounts that are subject to dispute pursuant to Section 4.3, Owners shall pay within thirty (30) Business Days of Owners' receipt of an Invoice the amounts invoiced to such Owner by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the bank account designated by Operator. Adjustment credits or debits shall be shown on the Invoice next succeeding the Invoice in which the adjustment is made. Operator shall provide reasonable back-up and supporting documents related to any Invoice within five (5) Business Days of Owners' written request. Any preexisting obligation to make payment for the Services provided hereunder or out-of-pocket costs of Operator shall survive the termination of a Service and this

Agreement until paid. Owners shall have access to and the right to audit all records supporting such Invoiced amounts for the period set forth in <u>Section 1.5</u>.

Payment Disputes. Owners may object to any Invoiced amounts for any Section 4.3 Service at any time before, at the time of, or after payment is made. Payment of any amount set forth in an Invoice shall not constitute approval thereof, or waive Owners' audit rights as set forth herein. The Parties shall meet as expeditiously as possible to resolve any dispute. If the Parties fail to reach agreement in writing as to any disputed amounts invoiced by Operator under Section 4.1 above, upon written Notice of dispute to the other Party, either Party may submit the matters] (the "Accounting Referee") for review and final that remain in dispute to [and binding resolution. If any Person selected as Accounting Referee is unable or unwilling to serve as a referee hereunder, then the Accounting Referee shall be selected by lot from among the independent national accounting firms that have not represented any Party or its Affiliates at any time during the three-year period of time immediately preceding its designation hereunder. Owners and the Operator shall, not later than seven (7) days prior to the hearing date set by the Accounting Referee, each submit a written brief to the Accounting Referee (and a copy thereof simultaneously to the other Party) with dollar figures for settlement of the disputes as to any amounts owed by Operator. The hearing will be scheduled as soon as is acceptable to the Accounting Referee, but not earlier than seven (7) days after the date for submission of the settlement briefs, and shall be conducted on a confidential basis. The Accounting Referee shall consider only those items or amounts which were identified in a notice in dispute delivered hereunder and which remain in dispute, together with the written briefs, and such other documents submitted therewith, and the Accounting Referee's decision resolving the matters in dispute shall be based upon and be consistent with the terms and conditions in this Agreement. In deciding any matter, the Accounting Referee (i) shall be bound by the provisions of this Section 4.3 and the related definitions and (ii) may not assign a value to any disputed item greater than the greatest value for such item claimed by either the Operator or Owners or less than the smallest value for such item claimed by the Operator or Owners in their respective calculations delivered hereunder. The Accounting Referee shall render a decision resolving the matters in dispute (which decision shall include a written statement of findings and conclusions) promptly after the conclusion of the hearing, unless the Parties reach agreement prior thereto and withdraw the dispute from the Accounting Referee. The Accounting Referee shall provide to the Parties an explanation in writing of the reasons for its decisions regarding the amounts disputed in the applicable notice. The decision of the Accounting Referee shall be (i) final and binding on the Parties and (ii) final and non-appealable for all purposes hereunder. Payment of any disputed amounts shall be made within fifteen (15) Business Days after the earlier to occur of (i) the Parties' agreement in writing as to such disputed amounts and (ii) the rendered decision of the Accounting Referee. The fees and expenses of the Accounting Referee under this Section 4.3 shall be borne one half by the Operator and one half by Owners. The fees and disbursements of Operator's independent auditors and other costs and expenses incurred in connection with the services performed with respect to any dispute under this Section 4.3 shall be borne by the Operator, and the fees and disbursements of Owners' independent auditors and other costs and expenses incurred in connection with the services performed with respect to any dispute under this Section 4.3 shall be borne by Owners.

Section 4.4 Owner Default. It shall constitute a default on behalf of an Owner (an "Owner Default") if such Owner fails to timely pay any Invoiced amount for Services provided

pursuant to this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of this <u>Article IV</u> or perform any covenants of such Owner hereunder, which failure, in the case of a payment default, continues undisputed for at least thirty (30) days following receipt of written Notice to such Owner that such Invoiced amount is past due or, in all other instances, at least sixty (60) days following receipt of written Notice to such Owner that such performance is required; provided, however, that if such Owner cannot reasonably cure such failure within such sixty (60) day period, no Owner Default shall be deemed to occur provided such Owner demonstrates that it has taken steps to cure such failure within such sixty (60) day period and diligently prosecutes such cure to completion.

Section 4.5 Operator Default. Subject to Section 4.4 above, it shall constitute a default on behalf of Operator (an "Operator Default") if Operator fails to provide a Service to an Owner in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, which failure continues for at least ten (10) days following receipt of written Notice to Operator; provided, however, that if Operator cannot reasonably cure such failure within such ten (10) day period, no Operator Default shall be deemed to occur provided Operator demonstrates that it has diligently taken all reasonable steps to cure such failure within such ten (10) day period and diligently prosecutes such cure to completion; provided, however, any such failure that is not cured by Operator within thirty (30) days of Owner's written Notice shall be deemed an Operator Default.

Section 4.6 <u>Sales Taxes</u>. Any sales taxes paid hereunder for Services that Operator is required to pay or incur shall be passed on to the Owner to which such Services are provided as an explicit surcharge and shall be paid by such Owner in addition to any Operator Compensation, whether included in the applicable Invoice, or added retroactively. If such Owner submits to Operator a timely and valid resale or other exemption certificate that is sufficient to support the exemption from sales taxes, then such taxes will not be added to the Operator Compensation payable pursuant to this <u>Article IV</u>; provided, however, that if Operator is ever required to pay such taxes, such Owner will promptly reimburse Operator for such tax, including any interest, penalties, and attorney's fees assessed thereon by the applicable Government Authority. The Parties will cooperate to contest any invalid sales taxes imposed on the Services and to minimize the imposition of any such sales taxes.

ARTICLE V. TERM OF AGREEMENT

Section 5.1 <u>Term.</u> Unless earlier terminated as hereinafter provided, this Agreement will (i) have an initial term of [•] ([•]) years commencing on the Effective Date (the "<u>Initial Term</u>"), and (ii) automatically be renewed thereafter on a [year-to-year] basis until terminated as provided herein (the "<u>Extension Term</u>" and together with the Initial Term, the "<u>Term</u>"), unless either Party gives the other Party written Notice of its intent not to renew this Agreement not less than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the end of the Initial Term or Extension Term, as applicable; <u>provided, however,</u> that each Owner may, with or without cause and for any or no reason, terminate this Agreement applicable to any or all of the Assets owned by such Owner upon sixty (60) days prior written Notice to Operator. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, each Owner may discontinue certain Services as more particularly set forth on **Exhibit A**, and, upon such discontinuation, Owners may revise the Approved Budget accordingly.

ARTICLE VI. TERMINATION

Owner Termination. Each Owner may terminate this Agreement Section 6.1 applicable to the Assets owned by such Owner sooner than described in Section 5.1 by Notice to Operator delivered not less than thirty (30) days before the effective of such termination (i) if an Owner incurs a Loss resulting from or associated with the Services and such Loss was the result of Operator's failure to meet the Standard of Performance set forth in Section 1.3; (ii) in the event of Operator Default; (iii) if Operator is guilty of negligence or misconduct in the performance of the Services; (iv) if any conviction of, or plea of nolo contendere to, any felony or to any crime or offense, including any involving acts of theft, fraud, embezzlement, moral turpitude, or similar conduct, by any officer of Operator, (v) if there is instituted by or against Operator any proceedings under the United States Bankruptcy Code, under any other bankruptcy law, or under any other law for the relief of debtors now or hereafter existing, or a receiver is appointed for all or substantially all of the assets of Operator, and such proceeding is not dismissed or such receiver is not discharged, as the case may be, within thirty (30) days thereafter, or (vi) if Operator shall (A) become insolvent, (B) generally fail to, or admit in writing its inability to, pay debts as they become due, (C) make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors or (D) apply for, consent to or acquiesce in, the appointment of a trustee, receiver, or other custodian.

Operator Termination. Operator may terminate this Agreement sooner Section 6.2 than described in Section 5.1 by Notice to Owners delivered not less than thirty (30) days before the effective of such termination (i) in the event of Owner Default that has continued unabated for 120 days after written Notice thereof has been delivered to such Owner and Apache Corporation ("Apache"); (ii) if there is instituted by or against Owners any proceedings under the United States Bankruptcy Code, under any other bankruptcy law, or under any other law for the relief of debtors now or hereafter existing, or a receiver is appointed for all or substantially all of the assets of Owners, and such proceeding is not dismissed or such receiver is not discharged, as the case may be, within thirty (30) days thereafter, or (iii) if Owners shall (A) become insolvent, (B) generally fail to, or admit in writing its inability to, pay debts as they become due, (C) make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors (excluding permitted assigns) or (D) apply for, consent to or acquiesce in, the appointment of a trustee, receiver, or other custodian; provided, however, that Operator may not terminate Services reasonably determined by Owners to be critical to the safety of the operation of the Assets until such time as Operator can make the Assets safe for handover to Owners or their designee.

Section 6.3 <u>Survival</u>. Upon termination of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall forthwith become void and the Parties shall have no liability or obligation with respect to provisions; provided, however, that the termination of this Agreement shall not relieve any Party from any expense, liability, or other obligation (including as to a breach of any provision hereof) or remedy hereof which has accrued or attached prior to the date of such termination; provided, however, that <u>Article VI</u>, <u>Article VII</u>, <u>Section 1.4</u>, <u>Section 1.7</u>, the second sentence of <u>Section 1.3</u>, and Owners' audit rights under <u>Section 4.2</u> of this Agreement, together with such terms from Article VIII as are necessary or appropriate for the proper application of such surviving Articles, Sections, or provisions, shall survive such discontinuation or termination.

Section 6.4 <u>Transition of Operations</u>. Upon termination of this Agreement, Operator shall: (i) cooperate with Owners to facilitate a timely transition of all operations concerning the

Assets and the Services; (ii) promptly deliver to Owners, or its representative, to the extent in Operator's possession, copies of all documents, records, and other data related to the Assets in the Operator's possession, including, without limitation, information, data, know-how, interpretations. contracts, and other rights and privileges with respect to each Owner's wells, production, leases, and all Evaluation Data, Seismic Data, and Well Data to the Assets and other information reasonably requested by Owners, in each case, relating to the Assets or the Services performed by Operator hereunder to the extent such records and information are not already in the possession of Owners; (iii) promptly tender and pay to Owner all amounts received by Operator from Owners that are in the possession of Operator as of the effective date of such termination and relate to periods after the date of termination; and (iv) within sixty (60) days from the effective date of such termination, prepare and tender to Owners a final and complete statement setting forth all amounts, if any, that are due and owing to Operator in accordance with this Agreement. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "Evaluation Data" shall mean Seismic Data and other data and information relating to the Assets including, without limitation, to the extent applicable, relevant geological and geophysical interpretations and information, including the most recent reports, interpretations, and maps, and all specialty processing and analysis of Seismic Data (e.g., migration, AVO, etc.); the term "Seismic Data" shall mean any and all seismic data, twodimensional multifold seismic data, three-dimensional seismic data, stacked and migrated processed sections, digital field tapes, stacked tapes, support data relating thereto, stick and quality control segments, receiver and bin center locations, stacking velocities, shothole drilling information, digital shotpoint locations, magnetic, surface, and other surveys, seismic sections, surface and subsurface maps, plats, charts, and any interpretations of any of the foregoing, or other like information customarily used in connection with oil and/or gas exploration; and the term "Well Data" shall mean any logs, core samples, other geological and geophysical data or similar data created during drilling operations, any engineering records or reports (including wellbore schematics), any drilling records or reports (including detailed daily drilling reports) and any related reports filed with the BOEM.

ARTICLE VII. INDEMNITIES

Operator's Indemnity Obligations. Section 7.1 The Operator agrees to INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS Owners, their Affiliates, and their respective parent, subsidiary and affiliated companies, its and their joint owners, co-lessees, partners, joint venturers, and the officers, directors, agents, consultants, contractors, invitees, insurers and employees of all of the foregoing, and other representatives (each, an "Owner Indemnified Party") from and against any and all claims, causes of action, losses, demands, costs, expenses, penalties, or liabilities together with all costs and fees in connection with the same including reasonable attorneys' fees (collectively, "Losses"), and to reimburse each Owner Indemnified Party for all reasonable expenses as they are incurred in investigating, preparing, pursuing, or defending any claim, action, proceeding, or investigation (collectively, "Actions"), whether or not in connection with pending or threatened litigation and whether or not any Owner Indemnified Party is a party, in each case to the extent such Losses have resulted from an Operator Indemnified Party's (a) bodily injury, personal injury, or death, (b) loss or destruction of or damage to any Operator Indemnified Party's property of any kind, (c) performance of the Services in a manner that is inconsistent with the Standard of Performance set forth in Section 1.3, or (d) breach of this Agreement; provided, however, that such indemnity shall exclude Losses to the extent resulting from an Owner Indemnified Party's bad faith, fraud, gross negligence, or willful

misconduct or breach of this Agreement as determined by the final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction.

Owners' Indemnification Obligations. Section 7.2 The Owners agrees to INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS Operator, its Affiliates, and its and their respective parent, subsidiary and affiliated companies, its and their joint owners, co-lessees, partners, joint venturers, and the officers, directors, agents, consultants, contractors, invitees, insurers and employees of all of the foregoing, and other representatives (each an "Operator Indemnified Party") from and against any Losses, and to reimburse each Operator Indemnified Party for all reasonable expenses as they are incurred in investigating, preparing, pursuing, or defending any Actions, whether or not in connection with pending or threatened litigation and whether or not any Operator Indemnified Party is a party, in each case to the extent such Losses have resulted from an Owner Indemnified Party's (a) bodily injury, personal injury, or death, (b) bad faith, fraud, gross negligence, or willful misconduct, or (c) breach of this Agreement; provided, however, that such indemnity shall exclude Losses to the extent resulting from an Operator Indemnified Party's bad faith, fraud, gross negligence, or willful misconduct or breach of this Agreement.

Section 7.3 <u>Insurance Support</u>. Operator, as indemnitor, agrees to obtain, for the benefit of indemnitee, liability insurance and/or qualified self-insurance sufficient to support their indemnity obligations. If Operator fails to carry such insurance, then it is agreed that Operator has qualified self-insurance. The obligations in this <u>Article VII</u> are independent of and in addition to any other provisions in this Agreement, and shall not be prejudiced, reduced, or limited by any insurance coverage requirements or insurance coverage actually maintained.

Section 7.4 Indemnification Procedure. Whenever any claim arises indemnification hereunder, the indemnified Person shall promptly notify the indemnifying Party of the claim and, when known, the facts constituting the basis for such claim, except that in the event of any claim for indemnification hereunder resulting from or in connection with any claim or legal proceedings by a third party, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Article VII, such Notice shall specify, if known, the amount or an estimate of the amount of the Losses asserted by such third party. In connection with any claim giving rise to indemnity hereunder resulting from or arising out of any claim or legal proceeding by a third party, the indemnifying Party, may, upon Notice to the indemnified Person, assume the defense of any such claim or legal proceeding. Except with the written consent of the indemnified Person, the indemnifying Party shall not consent to the entry of any judgment or settlement arising from any such claim or legal proceedings which, in each case, provides for any non-monetary relief or does not include as an unconditional term thereof the giving by the claimant or the plaintiff to the indemnified Person of a release from all Losses in respect thereof, unless in the latter case the indemnifying Party has actually paid to the indemnified Person the full amount of such judgment or settlement. Any indemnified Person shall be entitled to participate in (but not control) the defense of any such claim or litigation resulting therefrom. If the indemnifying Party upon Notice to the indemnified Person does not elect to control the litigation as provided above, the indemnified Person may defend against such claim or litigation in such manner as it may deem appropriate, including, without limitation, settling such claim or litigation, after giving Notice of the same to the indemnifying Party, on such terms as such indemnified Person may deem appropriate, and the indemnifying Party shall

promptly reimburse the indemnified Person from time to time as such Losses are incurred. All indemnification hereunder shall be effected by payment of cash or delivery of a certified or official bank check in the amount of the indemnification Losses.

Section 7.5 Savings Provisions.

- (a) If any provision contained in this Agreement conflicts with, is prohibited by or violates public policy under any federal, state, or other applicable Law determined to be applicable to a particular situation arising under or involving this Agreement or any Services hereunder, it is understood and agreed that the conflicting, prohibited, or violating provision shall be deemed automatically amended in that situation to the extent—but only to the extent—necessary to conform with, not be prohibited by, and avoid violating public policy under such applicable Law. No other provisions of this Agreement shall be amended or affected thereby. The Parties agree that the exculpatory, indemnification, and hold harmless provisions herein shall be modified or altered only insofar as required by a jurisdiction purporting to limit such provisions, it being the intention of both Parties to enforce to the fullest extent, all terms and conditions herein agreed to.
 - (b) <u>Section 7.5(a)</u> applies to the extent, and only to the extent, that:
 - (i) the Texas Oilfield Anti-Indemnity Act (or a similar statute of another jurisdiction, excluding Louisiana) applies to this Agreement or any Services performed hereunder and would render void, unenforceable, or voidable any obligations hereunder, including any set forth in Article VII; then each Party agrees to carry supporting insurance in equal amounts of the types and in the minimum amounts as specified in the insurance requirements hereunder and if a Party's insurance is deficient or unavailable for any reason, then such Party agrees and shall be deemed to have approved self funded or self insurance. It is the intention of the Parties hereto that the Party to whom indemnity is owed will receive the benefit of such indemnity regardless of what may happen after this Agreement is signed that might affect the insurance required to be obtained by the Party owing the indemnity; or
 - (ii) the Louisiana Oilfield Indemnity Act (La. R.S. 9:2780, as the same may be amended from time to time), applies to this Agreement or any Services performed hereunder and would render void, unenforceable, or voidable any obligations hereunder, including any set forth in Article VII; then each Party who would be the indemnified party under the indemnity provisions contained herein (the "Paying Party") shall have the option to pay to the underwriter(s) of the other Party who would be the indemnifying party ("Indemnitor" or "Primary Insured") the premium required by those underwriters to extend such Primary Insured's policies of liability insurance covering bodily injury or death as required by the indemnity provisions of this Agreement, by (i) naming the Paying Party (and the other members of that Party's Group, being either the Operator Indemnified Parties or the

Owner Indemnified Parties, as required by the indemnity provisions of this Agreement) as additional insured(s), (ii) waiving subrogation against such additional insured(s), and (iii) designating such insurance as primary coverage on behalf of such additional insured(s). In the event that a Party makes this election, the Primary Insured will introduce the Paying Party to Insured's insurance broker(s)/agent(s) Primary broker(s)/agent(s) will coordinate among the Paying Party and the Primary Insured's underwriters to facilitate the Paying Party's negotiation of such coverage, premium, billing, payment, notice, and renewal arrangements with those underwriter(s) as the Paying Party may, in its sole discretion, deem advisable. All costs and expenses of and in connection with such arrangements shall be for the account of the Paying Party, and invoices and payments in respect of such arrangements shall be exchanged directly between the Paying Party and the Primary Insured's underwriters (directly or through such underwriters' authorized broker(s)/agent(s)).

ARTICLE VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Section 8.1 Force Majeure. In the event that Operator is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by Force Majeure or other causes herein specified, to carry out all or any of its obligation under this Agreement, it is agreed that on Operator's delivery of written Notice, so far as Operator is prevented by such Force Majeure or other causes herein specified, Operator's obligation shall be suspended during the continuance of any inability so caused, and Operator will not be liable to Owners for any interruptions of service, any delays, or any failure to perform under this Agreement caused by such Force Majeure. For the avoidance of doubt, any delays, interruptions or failures to perform caused by such occurrences shall not be deemed to be a breach or failure to perform under this Agreement. The term "Force Majeure" means occurrences beyond the control of Operator and includes, without limiting the generality of the foregoing: acts of God, strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances, acts of the public enemy, wars, blockades, insurrections, riots, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, storms, hurricanes, tropical storms, loop currents, floods, washouts, arrests, and restraints of the Government, either federal or state, civil or military, civil disturbances, explosions, sabotage, malicious mischief, breakage or accident to machinery or lines of pipe, freezing of wells or lines of pipe, refusal or inability of resale owner(s) or transporter(s) to take deliveries due to events of Force Majeure, inability of Operator to obtain right-of-way, necessary materials, supplies, or permits not caused by the failure of Operator to pay for or negligence to obtain such rights-of-way, necessary materials, supplies, or permits, an order, directive, or restraint issued or imposed by any Governmental Authority, regulatory body or court having jurisdiction. It is understood and agreed that the settlement of strikes or other labor difficulties shall be entirely within the discretion of Operator. During the continuation of a Force Majeure event, Operator shall act diligently to overcome the impediments caused by such event and Operator will perform its obligations under this Agreement to the fullest extent possible under the circumstances during such Force Majeure and, thereafter, in full upon cessation of the Force Majeure.

Section 8.2 <u>Notices</u>. Any notice, request, instruction, correspondence, or other document to be given hereunder by any Party to another (herein collectively called "<u>Notice</u>") shall be in writing and delivered in person or by courier service requiring acknowledgement of receipt

or mailed by certified mail, postage prepaid and return receipt requested, or by overnight delivery service, as follows:

If to Owners:

Fieldwood Energy I LLC ADDRESS Attn: Phone:

with a copy to:

Apache Corporation 2000 Post Oak Blvd, Suite 100 Houston, TX 77056 Attn: Brian Erickson Phone: 713-296-6000

If to Operator:

- [•]
- [•]
- [•]
- [•]

with a copy to:

Apache Corporation 2000 Post Oak Blvd, Suite 100 Houston, TX 77056 Attn: Brian Erickson

Phone: 713-296-6000

Notice given by personal delivery or courier shall be effective upon actual receipt. Notice given by mail shall be effective upon actual receipt or, if not actually received, the fifth Business Day following deposit with the U.S. Post Office. If a date specified herein for giving any Notice or taking any action is not a Business Day (or if the period during which any Notice is required to be given or any action taken expires on a date which is not a Business Day), then the date for giving such Notice or taking such action (and the expiration date of such period during which notice is required to be given or action taken) shall be the next day which is a Business Day. Any Party may change any address to which Notice is to be given to it by giving Notice as provided above of such change of address; provided that only Apache may change its address for copies and such copies may not be amended, discontinued, or delayed without Apache's express written consent.

Section 8.3 No Joint Venture or Partnership. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to create, or shall be construed as creating, a partnership, joint venture, association for profit or

other business entity between or among the Parties, and for federal and state income tax purposes, the Parties elect to be excluded from the application of the provisions of Subchapter K, Chapter 1, Subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as permitted and authorized by Section 761 of said Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

- **Section 8.4** No Fiduciary Duty. It is expressly understood and agreed that this Agreement is a purely commercial transaction between the Parties and that nothing stated herein shall operate to create any fiduciary duty which a Party shall owe to the other Party, except with respect to the handling of cash by Operator on behalf of either Owner.
- **Section 8.5** Entire Agreement. This Agreement (together with the Exhibits hereto, including the Agency Agreement attached as Exhibit D) constitutes the entire agreement among the Parties with respect to the subject hereof and supersedes any other agreements, whether written or oral, that may have been made or entered into by the Parties or any of their respective Affiliates relating to the transactions contemplated hereby or the subject hereof. The Parties agree that Apache Corporation is a third-party beneficiary of Section 6.2 and Section 8.2 of this Agreement.
- **Section 8.6** <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective permitted successors, assigns, and legal representatives.
- Section 8.7 <u>Assignment</u>. This Agreement is personal to Operator, and Operator may not assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of Owners, which may be withheld by Owners for any reason or no reason in their sole discretion. Any assignment or transfer in violation of the forgoing provisions shall be null and void. No assignment or transfer of this Agreement shall relieve the assigning Party of any expense, liability, or other obligation (including as to a breach of any provision) or remedy hereof which has accrued or attached prior to the date of such assignment.
- **Section 8.8** <u>Amendment</u>. This Agreement may be amended or modified in whole or in part, and terms and conditions may be waived, only by a duly authorized agreement in writing which makes reference to this Agreement executed by each Party.

Section 8.9 Construction.

- (a) All article, section, schedule, and exhibit references used in this Agreement are to articles and sections of, and Schedules and Exhibits to, this Agreement, unless otherwise specified. The schedules and exhibits attached to this Agreement constitute a part of this Agreement and are incorporated herein for all purposes.
- (b) Unless otherwise indicated, with respect to either Party, the terms "ordinary course of business" or "ordinary course" shall be deemed to refer to the ordinary conduct of business in a manner consistent with the past practices and customs of such Party.
- (c) If a term is defined as one part of speech (such as a noun), it shall have a corresponding meaning when used as another part of speech (such as a verb). Terms

defined in the singular have the corresponding meanings in the plural, and vice versa. Unless the context of this Agreement clearly requires otherwise, words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine and neutral genders and vice versa. The words "include", "includes" or "including" do not limit the preceding terms and shall be deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation." The words "hereof," "hereto," "hereby," "herein," "hereunder" and words of similar import, when used in this Agreement, shall refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular section or article in which such words appear. The term "or" is not exclusive.

- (d) The terms "day" and "days" mean and refer to calendar day(s). The terms "year" and "years" mean and refer to calendar year(s). The term "Business Day" shall mean any day other than a Saturday or a Sunday or a day on which federally chartered banking institutions in Houston, Texas, are authorized by Law to close, but for purposes of Notices or other communications given hereunder, means before 4:00 p.m. on such day in the city of Houston, Texas.
- (e) Operator and Owners have each participated in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement, and, if an ambiguity should arise, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the Parties and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or burdening any Party by virtue of the authorship of any of the provisions in this Agreement.
- (f) The captions in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not be considered a part of or affect the construction or interpretation of any provision of this Agreement.
- (g) All references to currency herein shall be to, and all payments required hereunder shall be paid in, United States Dollars.
- (h) The serial comma is sometimes included and sometimes omitted. Its inclusion or omission shall not affect the interpretation of any phrase.
- **Section 8.10** Severability. Subject to Section 7.5, if any provision of this Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. The Parties further agree that if any provision contained herein is, to any extent, held invalid or unenforceable in any respect under the Laws governing this Agreement, they shall take any actions necessary to render the remaining provisions of this Agreement valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by Law and, to the extent necessary, shall amend or otherwise modify this Agreement to replace any provision contained herein that is held invalid or unenforceable with a valid and enforceable provision giving effect to the intent of the Parties to the greatest extent legally permissible.
- **Section 8.11** <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Any .pdf or other electronic transmission hereof or signature hereon shall, for all purposes, be deemed originals.

- **Section 8.12** Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by, construed under, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas without regard to the principles of conflicts of Laws that would direct the application of the Laws of another jurisdiction.
- Section 8.13 WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.
- **Section 8.14** <u>Disputes</u>. Any disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be resolved exclusively by the state or federal courts located in Houston, Texas; and the Parties irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction and venue of such courts for such purposes.

[Remainder of Page Intentionally Left Blank. Signature Page(s) to Follow.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been signed by each of the Parties as of the date first above written.

OPERATOR:
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By:
Name:
Title:
OWNERS:
FIELDWOOD ENERGY I LLC
By:
Name:
Title:
GOM SHELF LLC
By:
Name:
Title [.]

EXHIBIT A

TO CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT

SERVICES

1. Asset Management Services. Operator shall provide the following Services with respect to the Assets.

1.1 Operating Services.

- (a) Services:
 - (i) Complying with, and causing the Assets to be operated in compliance with all state and federal Laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, following all required health, safety and environmental Laws, regulations and programs (such as SEMS), complying with all regulatory filing and reporting requirements, and obtaining all necessary permits.
 - (ii) Until the end of the Term, serve as contract operator of the Assets, in accordance with the terms hereof and any applicable operating agreements and similar contracts (if any), such Services may include:
 - (A) purchasing supplies, materials, tools, and equipment associated with the Assets, provided that the costs of which will be reimbursed by the applicable Owner to Operator in accordance with and subject to the Approved Budget, further, provided that without such Owner's prior written consent or express inclusion within the Approved Budget, Operator will not purchase any single item with respect to the Assets if such purchase would result in a charge or cost to such Owner greater than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for any single item or ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) aggregate as to all such items in any consecutive twelve (12) month period. Such Owner's consent shall be deemed granted unless such Owner notifies Operator to the contrary within ten (10) Business Days from such Owner's receipt of Operator's request;
 - (B) contracting for services associated with the physical operation of the Assets, provided that the costs associated with such services will be paid directly by the Owner of such Assets or reimbursed to Operator by such Owner, further, provided that without such Owner's prior written consent Operator will not contract for any of such services with respect to any of the Assets if such contract (1) is with an affiliate of Operator or (2) would obligate such Owner for a period more than ninety (90) days after the end of the Term with respect to the Operating Services. Such Owner's consent shall be deemed granted unless such Owner notifies Operator to the contrary within ten (10) Business Days from receipt of Operator's request;

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- (C) executing, amending, or extending contracts associated with the physical operation of the Assets in the normal course of business, provided that the costs associated with such execution, amendment or extension of the contracts will be paid directly by the Owner of such Assets or reimbursed by such Owner to Operator, further, provided that without such Owner's prior written consent Operator will not contract for any of such services with respect to either of the Assets if such contract (1) is with an Affiliate of Operator; or (2) would obligate such Owner for a period more than ninety (90) days after the end of the Term with respect to the Operating Services. Such Owner's consent shall be deemed granted unless such Owner notifies Operator to the contrary within ten (10) Business Days from receipt of Operator's request;
- (D) functioning as operator under the applicable joint operating agreements, production handling agreements, and other similar operating agreements related to the Assets as agent for the Owner of such Assets with all rights and authority to communicate with co-lessees and non-operating parties and take all actions under the applicable agreement as if it were such Owner. Such Owner and Operator shall enter into an Agency Agreement in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit D** (the "Agency Agreement");
- (E) functioning as each Owner's agent under the applicable master service agreements, work orders, purchase orders and similar service contracts related to the Assets with all rights and authority to communicate with the service providers and take all actions under the applicable agreement as if it were such Owner, pursuant to the Agency Agreement; and
- (F) functioning as each Owner's agent in representing such Owner in its capacity as the owner of the Assets in all dealings and communications with Governmental Authorities, provided that such Owner reimburses Operator for any fees, fines, or penalties associated with such dealings and communications, further, provided that such Owner must approve in order for the Operator to agree to a fine or penalty in excess of one hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000). Operator will provide such Owner copies of all correspondence with Governmental Authorities, other than routine correspondence, on a periodic basis or as requested by such Owner.

1.2 Production Marketing, Marketing Services and Marketing Accounting Services:

(a) Services:

- (i) For each third party agreement with respect to the Assets that each Owner and Operator mutually agree, Operator shall function as the agent for such Owner with all rights and authority to communicate with the service providers and take all actions under the applicable agreement as if it were such Owner, pursuant to the Agency Agreement;
- (ii) Performing all marketing, gas control, crude oil and gas scheduling, contract administration, and other similar services necessary to sell production associated with the Assets in a manner substantially consistent with Operator's or its personnel's current general practices, provided that all marketing shall be at prices that are representative of market value. Operator will provide Owners summaries of the scheduled oil and gas or plant statements upon request;
- (iii) Performing all revenue and marketing accounting functions relating to the Assets, including the calculation and payment of royalty and overriding royalties, transportation, cash out, netback pricing, weighted average sales price, and other marketing accounting functions performed in the normal course of business; and
- (iv) Management of all lease of platform space agreements, production handling agreements, pipeline interconnect agreements, boarding agreements, midstream facility ownership and/or contract operating agreements, and other similar agreements.

1.3 Treasury and Accounting Services:

(a) Each Owner may notify Operator in writing thirty (30) days prior to the end of any production month if such Owner wishes to terminate the Expenditure Accounting Services as of the end of such month, and such Services shall terminate at the close of accounting business for such production month.

(b) Services:

- (i) Managing any bank accounts, trusts, etc. associated with the operation of the Assets;
- (ii) Performing all expenditure accounting functions relating to the Assets, including the payment of all invoices and subsequent billing of same to all working interest owners, AFE maintenance, and maintenance of property/cost center numbers;

- (iii) Managing the collection of any joint interest billings and revenue relating to the Assets;
- (iv) Performing all the calculations of severance, ad valorem/property, and sales and use taxes, but excluding state or federal income, margin, or excise taxes;
- (v) Performing all of the property, revenue, and royalty accounting services related to the Assets, including properly disbursing payments to and collecting payments from third parties and working interest, royalty, and overriding royalty owners as required by such accounting services as well as rental, severance or production taxes, right of way payments, leasehold, minimum or advance payments due in the normal course of business, and annual 1099 reporting as required by the Internal Revenue Service; and
- (vi) Performing all the calculations and preparation of monthly gas and oil balancing and payout statements in the ordinary course of business.

1.4 Land Administration Services.

(a) Each Owner may notify Operator in writing thirty (30) days prior to the end of any month if such Owner wishes to terminate the Land Administration Services effective as of the end of such month and such Services shall terminate at the end of such month.

(b) Services:

- (i) Administering and maintaining all leases and agreements relating to the Assets;
- (ii) Maintaining and updating all lease, ownership, contract, and property records and databases relating to the Assets;
- (iii) Maintaining and updating all royalty payment reports and databases;
- (iv) Maintaining and updating all royalty suspense accounts, reports and databases and administering escheat duties in accordance with established State rules and regulations;
- (v) Maintaining and updating all accounts, reports and databases associated with compulsory pooled interests related to the Assets;

- (vi) Generating, verifying, processing, approving, and signing all internal and external division orders and transfer orders required in the normal course of business;
- (vii) Identifying, paying and appropriately invoicing all rentals, surface, right of way, shut-in payments, and other payments required by the leases or other agreements relating to the Assets;
- (viii) Maintaining all land, contract, division of interest, lease files, and other files relating to the subject land administration functions; and
- (ix) Such other administrative services as Operator administered or caused to be administered to maintain the leases or agreements relating to the Assets.

1.5 Supply Chain.

- (a) Each Owner may notify Operator in writing ten (10) Business Days prior to the end of any month if such Owner wishes to terminate the applicable Services as of the end of such Month and such Services shall terminate at the end of such month.
- (b) Services.
 - (i) Operator shall provide procurement services with respect to the Assets;
 - (ii) Except as it relates to marketing contracts, which shall be covered by <u>Section 1.2</u> of this **Exhibit A**, Operator shall provide Contract Administration Services with respect to the Assets; and
 - (iii) Operator shall function as the agent for each Owner with all rights and authority to communicate with the service providers and take all actions under the applicable agreement as if it were such Owner, pursuant to the Agency Agreement.
- **2. Hourly Services**. Operator shall provide the following Services with respect to the Assets in a manner substantially consistent with Operator's general practices for similarly situated assets:

2.1 Legal.

- (a) Each Owner may discontinue these Services by providing Operator ten (10) days prior written Notice of its desire to do so, and such Services shall terminate at the end of such ten (10) day period.
- (b) Services.

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- (i) Review and negotiation of contracts with service providers and other third parties;
- (ii) Management of litigation, government investigations, and other disputes as directed by such Owner; and
- (iii) Directing outside counsel engaged by such Owner in providing advice and counsel to such Owner with respect to the Assets and the various legal matters that may arise from time to time related thereto.

2.2 Finance and Tax.

- (a) Each Owner may discontinue these Services by providing Operator ten (10) days prior written Notice of its desire to do so, and such Services shall terminate at the end of such ten (10) day period.
- (b) Services.
 - (i) Preparation of projections, analyses, and reports related to the Assets;
 - (ii) Review and negotiation of financing agreements, including hedging agreements; and
 - (iii) Preparation and administration of all federal, state, and local tax processes, including the preparation of appropriate tax returns and/or directing outside tax preparers in the preparation of any tax matters and/or activities related to the Assets.

2.3 Insurance.

(a) Each Owner may discontinue these Services by providing Operator ten (10) days prior written Notice of its desire to do so, and such Services shall terminate at the end of such ten (10) day period.

(b) Services.

(i) Review and negotiation of insurance documents and agreements, including bonds, insurance policies, and similar agreements;

(ii) Management of any claims made or to be made under the applicable insurance policies, bonds, and similar agreements as directed by such Owner; and¹

¹ [NTD: To confirm in which party's name the insurance contracts will be.]

(iii) Procure and maintain insurance coverages that are customary for a reasonably prudent operator with properties, equipment, and other assets similar to the Assets and operations in the Gulf of Mexico and in amounts commensurate with operations and obligations in this Agreement. Such requirements shall include, but shall not be limited to, insurance as required by applicable Law.

2.4 Financial Reporting and Audit Services.

(a) Each Owner may discontinue these Services by providing Operator ten (10) days prior written Notice of its desire to do so, and such Services shall terminate at the end of such ten (10) day period. The terms of Section 2.4 (c)(i) shall survive the termination of this Agreement for such period of time as is necessary for such Owner or its representatives to conduct the review and audit of financial statements prepared under Section 2.4 (c)(ii) or for the review and audit of financial statements prepared subsequent to discontinuation of Services where financial results are included for the applicable periods the Services were provided.

(b) Services.

- (i) [Facilitate and coordinate the review and audit of such Owner's business records in the normal course of business or as required in accordance with the terms of the Limited Liability Agreement of Fieldwood Energy I LLC;]²
- (ii) Preparing financial statements and/or directing outside accounting personnel in the preparation and maintenance of audit reports and financial statements and any required filings or reporting in accordance with the terms of the Limited Liability Agreement of Fieldwood Energy I LLC; and
- (iii) Auditing the books and records of third parties related to activities under operating, production handling, and other similar agreements in the normal course of business or as reasonably requested by such Owner.

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² [NTD: Assumes Operator will facilitate 3rd party audits for financial reporting and for COPAS JV audits.]

EXHIBIT B

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DECOMMISSIONING PLAN

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EXHIBIT C

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OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVES LIST

[NTD: List will include name, title and contact information for the individuals in charge of performing each Service.]

EXHIBIT D

TO CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT

FORM OF AGENCY AGREEMENT

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AGENCY AGREEMENT

This Agency Agreement (this "Agreement"), effective as of 12:01 a.m. Central Time on ("Effective Date"), is by and between [•], a [•] ("Operator"), and Fieldwood Energy I LLC, a Texas limited liability company ("Fieldwood Energy I") and GOM Shelf LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("GOM Shelf"). Fieldwood Energy I and GOM Shelf are each referred to herein as "Owner" and collectively as "Owners". Each capitalized term not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in that certain Contract Services Agreement dated as of _____, 202_ (the "Contract Services Agreement") between Operator and Owners.

WHEREAS, of even date herewith, Operator and Owners entered into that certain Contract Services Agreement, which agreement provides for Operator to provide Owner certain services related Owners' interests in the Assets; and

WHEREAS, Operator and Owners desire that Operator administer those certain services described on Exhibit A to the Contract Services Agreement; and

WHEREAS, subject to the limitations and obligations of Operator pursuant to this Agreement and the Contract Services Agreement, Owners desire that Operator act as agent for Owners for all matters related to certain of the third-party agreements set forth on <u>Attachment 1</u> of this Agreement (the "<u>Third Party Contracts</u>") and related to representation of Owners as the owner of the Assets in all dealings and communications with Governmental Authorities, or as may be mutually agreed upon from time to time by Owners and Operator in writing.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual premises, covenants, and agreements contained herein, the benefits to be derived by each party hereunder and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, Operator and Owners hereby agree as follows:

- 1. Appointment of Agent. Subject to the limitations and obligations of Operator pursuant to this Agreement and the Contract Services Agreement, Owners hereby appoints Operator, and Operator hereby accepts and agrees to act as the agent for Owners, in all respects, under the Third Party Contracts and in all dealings and communications with any Governmental Authorities related to the Assets or operations related thereto. Unless expressly permitted by Owners or to the extent permitted under the Contract Services Agreement, no other party shall be authorized to act on behalf of Owners with respect to such Third Party Contracts. Operator's authority as agent for Owners shall be subject to the following limitations and obligations:
 - (a) Operator shall hold such Third Party Contracts for the benefit of Owners and shall exercise all rights available to Operator with respect to such third-party agreements in accordance with the Contract Services Agreement;
 - (b) Operator shall maintain and keep such Third Party Contracts in full force and effect;
 - (c) Operator shall not transfer, sell, hypothecate, encumber, relinquish, or cause the termination of such Third Party Contracts;

- (d) Operator shall not amend, or extend any of such Third Party Contracts, except as allowed in the Contract Services Agreement;
- (e) The foregoing notwithstanding, Operator does not assume any obligation under any Third Party Contract and shall not be deemed to have assumed any such obligation under the Third Party Contract by reason of acting as Owners' agent hereunder or by the existence of this Agreement, except as set forth in the Contract Services Agreement; and
- (f) With respect to dealings and communications with Governmental Authorities, Operator shall act in a manner consistent with the limitations of the Contract Services Agreement.

Requests for approval of any action restricted by this Agreement shall be delivered to the Sole Manager of Fieldwood Energy I on behalf of Owners, provided that Operator may take whatever actions it deems in good faith to be required in the event of an emergency.

- **2. Indemnity.** The indemnity obligations of Operator and Owners in <u>Section 1.7</u> and <u>Article</u> 7 of the Contract Services Agreement shall apply to this Agreement, *mutatis mutandis*.
- 3. Power of Attorney. This Agreement shall serve as a general power of attorney. Owners hereby grants Operator, and Operator hereby accepts, a power of attorney for Operator to serve as the attorney-in-fact and agent for Owners and to take any and all actions to effectuate the purpose and activities described in the Contract Services Agreement including, but not limited to, taking certain actions under the Third Party Contracts, entering into any agreement, and representing Owners in all dealings and communications with Governmental Authorities related to the Assets or operations related thereto. This power of attorney is subject to the limitations of the Contract Services Agreement and this Agreement and shall terminate upon the termination of this Agreement.

4. Miscellaneous Provisions.

- (a) <u>Term.</u> The authority for Operator to act as Owners' agent shall be effective as of the date hereof and shall terminate and be revoked as to each such third-party agreement at the end of the Term for each applicable Service as set forth in the Contract Services Agreement, unless sooner revoked by Notice in writing from Owners to Operator and to each third party no longer entitled to rely on the agency created by this Agreement.
- (b) <u>Contract Services Agreement.</u> This Agreement is being entered into in conjunction with the Contract Services Agreement whereby Operator shall provide certain Services as such term is defined therein. Operations of the oil and gas properties and collection and disbursement of all revenues and payment of expenses associated with such third-party agreements will be handled in accordance with the Contract Service Agreement.
- (c) <u>Entire Agreement.</u> This Agreement constitutes the full understanding of Operator and Owners and a complete and exclusive statement of the terms and conditions of the agreement relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior negotiations,

understandings, and agreements, whether written or oral, between Operator and Owners with respect thereto. This Agreement does not modify or amend any terms or provisions of the Contract Services Agreement. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in the event of any conflict between that the terms of this Agreement and terms of the Contract Services Agreement, the terms of the Contract Services Agreement or any agreement contemplated thereby shall prevail.

- (d) <u>Amendments.</u> No alteration, modification, amendment, or change in this Agreement shall be effective or binding on any party unless the same is in writing and is executed by Operator and Owners.
- (e) <u>Enforceability.</u> This Agreement shall be enforceable by and against Operator, Owners, and their respective heirs, successors, permitted assignees, and legal representatives.
- (f) <u>Assignment.</u> This Agreement is personal to the parties hereto. Operator shall not assign, convey, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or any portion of its interest in, or its rights and obligations under, this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party or parties unless such assignment is permitted under the Contract Services Agreement. Any attempted assignment without appropriate consent shall be voidable at the sole discretion of the non-assigning party.
- (g) <u>Governing Law.</u> This Agreement shall be governed by, construed under, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas without regard to the principles of conflicts of Laws that would direct the application of the Laws of another jurisdiction.
- (h) <u>Disputes.</u> Any disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be subject to the terms set forth in <u>Section 8.13</u> and <u>Section 8.14</u> of the Contract Services Agreement.
- (i) <u>Multiple Counterparts.</u> This Agreement may be executed, either originally or by electronic reproduction, by the parties hereto in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original for all purposes, and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

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This Agreement is executed and delivered by Operator and Owners effective as of the Effective

Date.

OPERATOR:	
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By:	
Name:Title:	<u> </u>
OWNERS:	
FIELDWOOD ENERGY I LLC	
By:	
Name:	
GOM SHELF LLC	
By:	
Name:	
Title:	

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COUNTY OF HARRIS	§
	knowledged before me on this day of, by of [•], a [•], on behalf of said company.
	Notary Public in and for the State of
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COUNTY OF HARRIS	§
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	Notary Public in and for the State of Teyas

Exhibit D – Page 6 Contract Services Agreement

ATTACHMENT 1

TO AGENCY AGREEMENT

THIRD-PARTY AGREEMENTS

[NTD: These are specific marketing, transportation and processing and other service agreements.]

EXHIBIT E

TO CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT

INITIAL ANNUAL BUDGET

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EXHIBIT F

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APPROVED TWCF BUDGET

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EXHIBIT G

TO CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT

FORM OF AFE

EXHIBIT H

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OPERATOR COMPENSATION

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SCHEDULE I TO CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT

ASSETS

Exhibit 22

Credit Bid Purchase Agreement Terms

The terms set forth below are acceptable to Apache and the Debtors to address the Specified Credit Bid Terms in the Credit Bid Purchase Agreement (or an alternative purchase and sale agreement conveying the Credit Bid Acquired Interests to a buyer):

- (i) Credit Bid Purchaser (or an alternative purchaser under a purchase and sale agreement conveying the Credit Bid Acquired Interests to a buyer) ("Buyer") shall assume the Credit Bid Assumed Liabilities, which will include all liabilities and obligations of FWE for (x) Closing Date Payables (as defined below), (y) obligations for personal injury or damage to third party property arising from the ownership or operation of the FWE I Assets (as defined in the Plan of Merger) or the GOM Shelf Oil and Gas Properties (as defined in the Plan of Merger) for which a claim has been made prior to 7:00 a.m. on the Effective Date, but only to the extent of the deductible or retention amount under applicable insurance policies covering such claims, and (z) the FWE II Retained Properties Payables (as defined below), and the Purchase Agreement will include an obligation of Buyer to pay, or to cause to be paid, all Credit Bid Assumed Liabilities and the closing date payables of GOM Shelf and FW GOM Pipeline Inc. (with such closing date payables to be determined consistent with Closing Date Payables).
- (ii) FWE I shall have the right to send all invoices it receives for any of the Credit Bid Assumed Liabilities and all closing date payables of GOM Shelf and FW GOM Pipeline Inc. (with such closing date payables to be determined consistent with Closing Date Payables) to Buyer for payment.
- (iii) The Purchase Agreement shall define "Closing Date Payables" as expenses of FWE incurred but not yet paid as of 7:00 a.m. on the Effective Date attributable to the FWE I Oil and Gas Properties (as defined in the Plan of Merger) and the GOM Shelf Oil and Gas

Properties, including, without limitation, (w) payables arising from the exploration of and production and sale of oil and gas from the FWE I Oil and Gas Properties and the GOM Shelf Oil and Gas Properties, (x) payables to third parties on account of third party working interest owners for which a joint interest billing receivable is included in the Closing Accounts Receivable (as defined below), (y) obligations for Royalties (as defined in the Plan of Merger) in respect of the FWE I Assets or the GOM Shelf Oil and Gas Properties payable on account of Hydrocarbons (as defined in the Plan of Merger,) produced and sold prior to and unpaid as of 7:00 a.m. on the Effective Date (provided that if a Royalty reporting, miscalculation, or underpayment claim is asserted after 7:00 a.m. on the Effective Date with respect to any Royalty paid prior to 7:00 a.m. on the Effective Date such claim or obligation shall not be deemed a Closing Date Payable, except to the extent any reporting, miscalculation, or underpayment claim totals more than one million U.S. dollars (\$1,000,000) and arises out of the willful misconduct of the person or persons performing such reporting, calculations, or payments as determined by a final, non-appealable judgment of a court or other tribunal having jurisdiction), and (z) fines and penalties levied or imposed by governmental authorities prior to 7:00 a.m. on the Effective Date in respect of the FWE I Assets or the GOM Shelf Oil and Gas Properties to the extent not otherwise covered by a settlement with applicable governmental authorities entered into prior to the Effective Date that fully excuses payment (other than as provided in such settlement and for which FWE I shall have no obligation) of such fines and penalties, whether classified on the books and records as an account payable or otherwise; *provided*, *that*, the definition of "Closing Date Payables" in the Purchase Agreement shall expressly exclude (1) obligations for FWE I Suspense Funds (as defined in the Plan of Merger), (2) Interim Unpaid P&A Expenses (as defined in the Plan of Merger), (3) obligations to pay Royalties on Hydrocarbons produced from FWE I Oil and Gas Properties or GOM Shelf Oil and Gas Properties and sold from and after 7:00 a.m. on the Effective Date, (4) obligations for damage to property included in the FWE I Assets or the GOM Shelf Oil and Gas Properties, (5) fines or penalties levied or imposed by governmental authorities after 7:00 a.m. on the Effective Date with respect to the FWE I Oil and Gas Properties or the GOM Shelf Oil and Gas Properties, (6) P&A Obligations and Decommissioning (as defined in the Plan of Merger) expenses, or (7) obligations satisfied, compromised, settled, released or discharged pursuant to the Plan and Confirmation Order

- sale of oil and gas from the Retained Properties, including payables to third parties on account of third party working interest owners for which a joint interest billing receivable is included in the accounts receivable of FWE in respect of the Retained Properties (such accounts receivable, the "Retained Properties AR"), incurred prior to and unpaid as of 7:00 a.m. on the Effective Date, whether classified on the books and records as an account payable or otherwise (such payables, the "Retained Properties Payables"), will also be assumed by, and will constitute Credit Bid Assumed Liabilities of, Buyer pursuant to the Purchase Agreement (and the Retained Properties, and the Retained Properties AR will be assigned to Buyer pursuant to the Purchase Agreement and will constitute Credit Bid Acquired Interests in the same manner as will Closing Accounts Receivable (excluding any obligation of the type described in Section 3(b) of the Plan of Merger). In addition FWE II will assume all obligations on the Retained Properties on a go-forward basis following the consummation of the credit bid sale transaction to the Credit Bid Purchaser.
- (v) FWE (and, following consummation of the Divisive Merger, FWE III) will use efforts consistent with past practice to collect Closing Accounts Receivable (including by offsetting amounts owed to FWE under applicable joint operating agreements or otherwise) and

remit proceeds collected (including by offset), net of any cost of collection incurred by FWE III or FWE I, to Buyer, provided neither FWE III nor FWE I shall be obligated to incur any costs or institute any legal proceedings to collect Closing Accounts Receivable. Buyer will agree that Buyer and its subsidiaries shall pay (and shall indemnify and hold harmless FWE (and following consummation of the Divisive Merger, FWE I and FWE III) from and against) any and all Credit Bid Assumed Liabilities.

(vi) The accounts receivable to be assigned to Buyer pursuant to the Credit Bid Purchase Agreement ("Closing Accounts Receivable") will include all accounts receivable of FWE attributable to the FWE I Oil and Gas Properties or the GOM Shelf Oil and Gas Properties (as defined in the Plan of Merger) as of 7:00 a.m. on the Effective Date, including all accounts receivable attributable to the sale of oil or gas produced and sold from the FWE I Oil and Gas Properties or the GOM Shelf Oil and Gas Properties prior to 7:00 a.m. on the Effective Date and joint interest billing receivables for expenses paid by FWE as of 7:00 a.m. on the Effective Date or for which a payable is included in the Closing Date Payables but expressly excluding receivables as described in item (xiv) and clauses (ii)-(v) of item (xvi) of Part A of Schedule I of the Plan of Merger, Prepaid JIB Cash Amount (as defined in the Plan of Merger), and JIB Advance AR (as defined in the Plan of Merger). The Purchase Agreement will provide that Buyer and its subsidiaries shall pay (and shall indemnify FWE I and FWE III against) any and all Credit Bid Assumed Liabilities. FWE will also assign the FWE II Retained Properties AR to Buyer as part of the Credit Bid Acquired Interests.

Exhibit 23

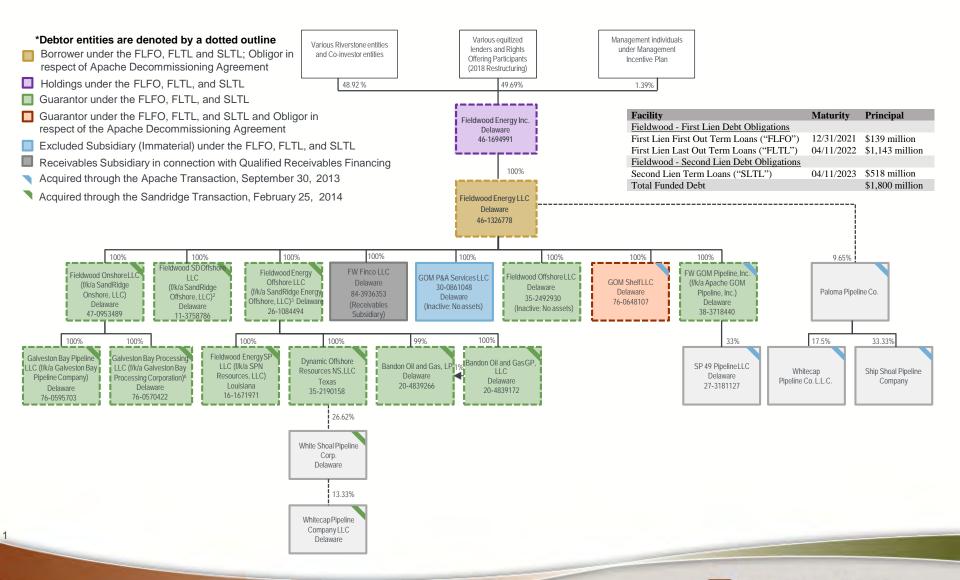
Spill Control Membership Agreements

Deepwater: HWCG (membership), NRC (MSA)

FW1: Clean Gulf (membership), Forefront (MSA), and TRG (MSA)

Exhibit K Organizational Chart

Fieldwood Energy Organization Chart - Debt Overlay





<u>Exhibit L</u> Liquidation Analysis

A. <u>Introduction</u>

The Bankruptcy Code requires that each holder of an impaired Claim or Interest either (i) accept the Plan or (ii) receive or retain under the Plan property of a value, as of the Effective Date, that is not less than the value such holder would receive if the Debtors were liquidated under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.¹ This requirement is customarily referred to as the "best interests" of creditors test.

To demonstrate that the Plan satisfies the best interests test, the Debtors, with the assistance of their restructuring advisors, AlixPartners, LLP, have prepared this hypothetical liquidation analysis (the "<u>Liquidation Analysis</u>"), which is based upon certain assumptions discussed in the Disclosure Statement and the accompanying notes to this Liquidation Analysis.

The first step in determining whether the Plan satisfies the best interests test is to determine the dollar amount that would be generated from a hypothetical liquidation of the Debtors' assets and properties in the context of a chapter 7 liquidation case. The gross amount of Cash that would be available for satisfaction of Claims and Interests would be the sum consisting of the proceeds resulting from the disposition of the assets and properties of the Debtors, augmented by the unencumbered Cash held by the Debtors at the time of the chapter 7 conversion.

The next step is to reduce that gross amount by (i) the costs and expenses of the chapter 7 cases, (ii) the proceeds received from the disposition of encumbered assets that would be distributed to the holders of the liens on such assets up to the value of such assets, and (iii) the amount of additional administrative expense claims and priority claims arising from the use of the chapter 7 process for the purposes of liquidation. Any remaining Cash would be allocated to unsecured creditors and interest holders in strict priority in accordance with section 726 of the Bankruptcy Code.

B. Statement of Limitations

The preparation of a liquidation analysis is an uncertain process involving the use of estimates and assumptions that, although considered reasonable by the Debtors based upon their business judgment and input from their financial and legal advisors, are inherently subject to significant business, economic, and competitive risks, uncertainties and contingencies, most of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond the control of the Debtors, their management, and their advisors. Inevitably, some assumptions in the Liquidation Analysis would not materialize in an actual chapter 7 liquidation and unanticipated events and circumstances could materially affect the ultimate results in an actual chapter 7 liquidation. The Liquidation Analysis was prepared for the sole purpose of generating a reasonable, good faith estimate of the proceeds that would be generated if the Debtors' assets were liquidated in accordance with chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code; it is not intended, and should not be used, for any other purpose.

¹ All capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the *Disclosure Statement for the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Fieldwood Energy LLC and Its Affiliated Debtors*, to which this exhibit is attached as Exhibit L.

The underlying financial information in the Liquidation Analysis, and the values stated herein, have not been subject to review, compilation, or audit by any independent accounting firm. In addition, various liquidation decisions, upon which certain of the assumptions are based, are subject to change. As a result, the actual amount of the Claims against the Debtors' Estates could vary significantly from the estimates stated herein, depending on the nature and amount of Claims asserted during the pendency of the chapter 7 cases. Similarly, the value of the Debtors' assets in a liquidation scenario is uncertain and could vary significantly from the values set forth in the Liquidation Analysis. The Debtors have not estimated, and the Liquidation Analysis does not take into account: (i) the tax consequences that may result from the liquidation of the Debtors' assets; (ii) the avoidance of any prepetition liens and recoveries resulting from any potential preference, fraudulent transfer, or other litigation or avoidance actions; or (iii) certain of the Claims that may be entitled to priority under the Bankruptcy Code, including certain administrative priority Claims under sections 503(b) and 507(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. ACCORDINGLY, NEITHER THE DEBTORS NOR THEIR ADVISORS MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY THAT THE ACTUAL RESULTS OF A LIQUIDATION OF THE DEBTORS WOULD OR WOULD NOT, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, APPROXIMATE THE ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS REPRESENTED HEREIN. THE ACTUAL LIQUIDATION VALUE OF THE DEBTORS IS SPECULATIVE AND RESULTS COULD VARY MATERIALLY FROM ESTIMATES PROVIDED HEREIN.

In addition, the Liquidation Analysis includes estimates for Claims not currently asserted in these Chapter 11 Cases, but which could be asserted and allowed in a chapter 7 liquidation, including unpaid administrative priority Claims relating to wind-down costs and chapter 7 trustee fees. To date, the Bankruptcy Court has not estimated or otherwise fixed the total amount of Allowed Claims used for purposes of preparing this Liquidation Analysis. Therefore, the Debtors' estimate of Allowed Claims set forth in the Liquidation Analysis should not be relied on for any other purpose, including determining the value of any distribution to be made on account of Allowed Claims under the Plan. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THE LIQUIDATION ANALYSIS IS INTENDED TO BE OR CONSTITUTES A CONCESSION OR ADMISSION OF THE DEBTORS. THE ACTUAL AMOUNT OF ALLOWED CLAIMS IN THE CHAPTER 11 CASES COULD MATERIALLY DIFFER FROM THE ESTIMATED AMOUNTS SET FORTH IN THE LIQUIDATION ANALYSIS.

C. <u>Basis of Presentation</u>

This Liquidation Analysis has been prepared assuming that the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases are converted to Chapter 7 cases on or about May 1, 2021 (the "Liquidation Date"). It is assumed that on the Liquidation Date, the Bankruptcy Court would appoint a Chapter 7 trustee (the "Trustee") to oversee the liquidation of the Debtors' estates, during which time all of the assets of the Debtors would be sold, on a piecemeal basis or as a whole, and the Cash proceeds, net of liquidation-related costs, would then be distributed to creditors in accordance with applicable law: (i) first, to pay wind-down expenses and other Allowed administrative priority Claims; (ii) second, to pay the secured portions of Allowed Claims relating to the respective collateral; and (iii) third, to pay other priority Claims. Any remaining net Cash would be distributed to creditors holding Allowed general unsecured Claims, including any unsecured deficiency Claims.

D. Assumptions and Analysis

The timeframe associated with the liquidation analysis is uncertain and there is no assurance that the recoveries assigned to the assets would in fact be realized. Under Section 704 of the Bankruptcy Code, a trustee must, among other duties, collect and convert the property of the estate as expeditiously (generally in a distressed process) as is compatible with the best interests of parties-in-interest.

In the event of a chapter 7 liquidation, it is likely that a chapter 7 liquidation would (i) incur increased costs and expenses arising from fees payable to the Trustee in bankruptcy and professional advisors to the Trustee, (ii) erode value of any remaining assets in the context of a forced sale or takeover, and (iii) result in the potentially substantial increase in Claims that would dilute creditor recoveries.

- 1. Increased Fees and Expenses. This Liquidation Analysis assumes that the Debtors' costs of liquidation under chapter 7 would include the fees payable to the Trustee as well as those fees that might be payable to attorneys and other professionals that the Trustee might engage. Other liquidation costs include the expenses incurred during the Chapter 11 Cases that are allowed as administrative priority Claims in the chapter 7 cases, such as compensation for attorneys, financial advisors, appraisers, accountants, and other professionals for the Debtors and statutory committees appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases, and costs and expenses of members of such committees, as well as other compensation Claims.
- **2.** Increased Costs and Additional Claims Incurred by a Delayed Liquidation. This Liquidation Analysis assumes the operations of the Debtors will cease and that the Plan construct associated with FWE I, FWE III, the Abandoned Properties and the Credit Bid Acquired Interests would no longer apply. Each of these groups of properties or assets were evaluated for how they would be treated in a hypothetical chapter 7 liquidation scenario.

For the Credit Bid Acquired Interests, it is assumed that the Prepetition FLTL Lenders, in conjunction with the FLFO Lenders, will credit bid their outstanding debt or otherwise seize their collateral. The Trustee would be responsible for abandoning or otherwise winding-down all of the Debtors' assets that are not sold or otherwise seized by the Prepetition FLTL Lenders and/or the Prepetition FLFO Lenders, including the FWE I Properties, the FWE III Properties, and the Abandoned Properties. As a result, the Debtors expect they would need additional funding to wind-down the estates.

For the FWE I Assets, it is assumed that the Apache Implementation Agreement is no longer in place upon a chapter 7 conversion and that the Trustee would attempt to negotiate an alternative agreement with Apache (or other third party) with respect to the Legacy Apache Properties. It is assumed that the Debtors would continue to remain financially responsible for maintaining the Legacy Apache Properties while such negotiations were pending. As a result, the Debtors expect that the failure to consummate the Apache Implementation Agreement would substantially increase the costs of administering the FWE I Assets to the Debtors and their estates.

For the Abandoned Properties and FWE III Properties, the plan and timing for abandoning these properties and transitioning to predecessors in the chain-of-title or other responsible parties the plugging and abandonment and decommissioning responsibilities associated with these

properties is unclear and not currently knowable without the Plan in place. The Debtors believe, however, that any such transition would be significantly delayed by several months, if not longer, as a result of the Debtors' cessation of operations and the loss and disruption to the Debtors' workforce responsible for facilitating such transition. In addition, the Trustee would likely determine that additional professionals would need to be retained to help aid the Trustee in facilitating such transition. If the Debtors continued to be financially and legally responsible for maintaining the Abandoned Properties and FWE III Properties, it is expected they would incur in excess of approximately \$7.5 million in carrying costs each month beyond the Liquidation Date. Further, any litigation associated with abandoning the Abandoned Properties and FWE III Properties would result in additional professional fees and expenses to the Debtors and their estates and additional delays in the transition.

The process of liquidating the Debtors' businesses would also be subject to review by numerous regulatory agencies, including BOEM and BSEE, which would likely further delay the liquidation process. In the event litigation was necessary to resolve claims asserted in the chapter 7 case, such delay would likely be further prolonged and involve additional costs to the Debtors and their estates.

3. Other Additional Claims. This Liquidation Analysis further assumes that additional Claims would arise by reason of the breach or rejection of obligations incurred and leases and executory contracts assumed or entered into by the Debtors during the pendency of the Chapter 11 Cases. The foregoing types of Claims, costs, expenses, fees, and such other Claims that may arise in a liquidation case would be paid in full from the liquidation proceeds before the balance of those proceeds would be made available to pay prepetition priority and unsecured Claims, or available for distribution to the holders of Interests.

E. Conclusion

The Debtors estimate that, in a chapter 7 liquidation, the aggregate value of all property of the Debtors that is not subject to prepetition liens would total no more than approximately \$11 million to \$15 million. To provide a recovery to holders of general unsecured Claims, the value of such property would need to exceed the outstanding amounts due under the Debtors' senior secured superpriority postpetition DIP Facility and the estimated Allowed administrative priority Claims that arose in the Chapter 11 Cases and additional Allowed administrative priority Claims arising in the chapter 7 cases.

As detailed in the *Emergency Motion of Debtors for Interim and Final Orders (I)* Authorizing Debtors (A) To Obtain Postpetition Financing Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105, 361, 362, 363(b), 364(c)(1), 364(c)(2), 364(c)(3), 364(d)(1) and 364(e) and (B) To Utilize Cash Collateral Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 363, (II) Granting Adequate Protection to Prepetition Secured Parties Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 361, 362, 363, 364 and 507(b) and (III) Scheduling Final Hearing Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 4001(b) and (c) [Docket No. 22] (the "DIP Motion"), and as approved in the final order approving the DIP Motion [Docket No. 346] (the "Final DIP Order"), the outstanding amounts owed by the Debtors under the DIP Facility is secured by a senior lien on effectively all of the Debtors' assets. It is assumed that as of the Liquidation Date, the Debtors will owe approximately \$10 million under the DIP Facility.

In addition to satisfying the \$10 million DIP Facility, the estimated amount needed to plug and abandon and decommission the FWE III Properties in a chapter 7 liquidation would likely be substantially greater than the up to \$27 million under the Plan currently allocated to plug and abandon and decommission the FWE III Properties, which the Debtors assumed under the Plan would be efficiently and cost-effectively wound-down in the two years after the Effective Date. Additionally, expenses associated with maintaining the Apache Legacy Properties and the Abandoned Properties, as further described above, would require further incremental funding. As such, given the shortfall in the value of the Debtors' assets relative to the additional expenses and Claims that would need to be satisfied in full before a recovery could be provided to holders of Allowed general unsecured Claims, it is expected that no distributions would be available for any general unsecured creditors, including the Prepetition SLTL Lenders.

Based on the foregoing, the Debtors believe that the value of any distributions to each Class of Allowed Claims in a chapter 7 liquidation, including all Allowed secured Claims, would be equal to, or less than, the value of distributions provided to each Class under the Plan, and many of the distributions made in a chapter 7 case liquidation would likely not occur until several months after the Liquidation Date, thus lowering the expected value of such distributions.

Exhibit M Valuation Analysis

Estimated Values

THE VALUATION INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS NOT A PREDICTION OR GUARANTEE OF THE ACTUAL MARKET VALUE THAT MAY BE REALIZED THROUGH THE SALE OF ANY SECURITIES TO BE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE PLAN. THIS VALUATION IS PRESENTED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADEQUATE INFORMATION AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 1125 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE TO ENABLE THE HOLDERS OF CLAIMS ENTITLED TO VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN TO MAKE AN INFORMED JUDGMENT ABOUT THE PLAN. THIS VALUATION SHOULD NOT BE USED OR RELIED UPON FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE, INCLUDING THE PURCHASE OR SALE OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS OR ANY OF THEIR AFFILIATES.

Solely for purposes of the *Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Fieldwood Energy LLC and Its Affiliated Debtors* (as may be further amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time, and together with all exhibits and schedules thereto, the "<u>Plan</u>") and the *Disclosure Statement for Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Fieldwood Energy LLC and Its Affiliated Debtors* (as may be further amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time, and together with all exhibits and schedules thereto, the "<u>Disclosure Statement</u>"), Houlihan Lokey Capital, Inc. ("<u>Houlihan Lokey</u>"), as financial advisor and investment banker to the Debtors, has estimated the values of the NewCo Entities², as well as the FWE I Entities³, FWE III, and the Abandoned Properties (collectively, the "<u>Subject Entities</u>") pro forma for the transactions contemplated by the Plan.

In particular, Houlihan Lokey has estimated: (i) the enterprise value and implied equity value of the NewCo Entities on a going concern basis (the "NewCo Valuation") and (ii) the Residual Distributable Value (which is determined with reference to the enterprise value of the FWE I Entities (the "FWE I Valuation") and the asset value of FWE III (the "FWE III Valuation")).

In connection with performing the analyses described herein, Houlihan Lokey, among other things: (i) consulted with the Debtors' senior management team regarding the Debtors' assets, operations and future prospects; (ii) reviewed the Debtors' historical financial information; (iii) reviewed the Debtors' internal financial and operating data, including the Debtors' reserves database; (iv) reviewed the Debtors' estimates of plugging and abandonment ("P&A") obligations and the availability of surety bonds and other forms of financial assurance; (v) reviewed the Debtors' asset development plans and the NewCo Projections (as defined below); and (v) reviewed

¹ Capitalized terms used, but not defined herein, have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan or Disclosure Statement, as applicable.

² "NewCo Entities" shall be defined in the Plan as, collectively, Credit Bid Purchaser and the entities that wholly-own it, including Intermediate, Holdings, and NewCo. For the avoidance of doubt, the NewCo Entities do not include the FWE I Entities, FWE III, or the Abandoned Properties.

³ "FWE I Entities" shall be defined in the Plan as, collectively, FWE I and its post-Effective Date subsidiaries, GOM Shelf LLC and FW GOM Pipeline, Inc.

market data and other publicly available third-party information and conducted other studies, analyses, and inquiries Houlihan Lokey deemed appropriate.

The valuation information set forth in this section is based on the application of standard valuation techniques. The estimated values set forth in this section: (i) do not purport to constitute an appraisal of the assets of the Subject Entities; (ii) do not constitute an opinion on the terms and provisions or fairness from a financial point of view to any person of the consideration to be received by such person under the Plan; (iii) do not constitute a recommendation to any holder of Allowed Claims as to how such person should vote or otherwise act with respect to the Plan; and (iv) do not necessarily reflect the actual market value that might be realized through a sale or liquidation.

In preparing the estimates set forth below, Houlihan Lokey has relied upon the accuracy, completeness, and fairness of information furnished by the Debtors. Houlihan Lokey did not attempt to independently audit or verify such information, nor did it perform an independent appraisal of the assets or liabilities of the Debtors or the Subject Entities. Houlihan Lokey did not conduct an independent investigation into any of the legal or accounting matters affecting the Subject Entities, and therefore makes no representation as to their potential impact on the valuation analyses described herein.

The Debtors' financial projections for the NewCo Entities (the "NewCo Projections") and the FWE I Entities (the "FWE I Projections") (collectively, the "Projections") are attached as Exhibit N to the Disclosure Statement. The NewCo Valuation set forth herein assumes that the NewCo Entities will achieve the NewCo Projections in all material respects. The FWE I Valuation set forth herein assumes that the FWE I Entities will achieve the FWE I Projections in all material respects. Houlihan Lokey has relied on the Debtors' representation and warranty that the Projections: (i) have been prepared in good faith; (ii) are based on fully disclosed assumptions, which, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, are reasonable; (iii) reflect the Debtors' best currently available estimates; and (iv) reflect the good faith judgments of the Debtors. Houlihan Lokey does not offer an opinion as to the attainability of the Projections. As disclosed in the Disclosure Statement, the future results of the NewCo Entities and the FWE I Entities are dependent upon various factors, many of which are beyond the control or knowledge of the Debtors and Houlihan Lokey, and consequently are inherently difficult to project.

This analysis contemplates facts and conditions known and existing as of March 5, 2021. Events and conditions subsequent to this date, including updated Projections or changes to the reserves, estimated decommissioning expenses and timing, as well as other factors, could have a substantial effect upon the estimated values set forth herein. Among other things, failure to consummate the Plan in a timely manner may have a materially negative effect on the estimated values. For purposes of this valuation, Houlihan Lokey has assumed that no material changes that would affect value will occur between March 5, 2021 and the contemplated Effective Date.

In determining the estimates set forth herein, Houlihan Lokey did not consider any one

analysis or factor to the exclusion of any other analyses or factors. Accordingly, Houlihan Lokey believes that its analysis and views must be considered as a whole and that selecting portions of its analysis and factors could create a misleading or incomplete view of the processes underlying the preparation of the analysis. Reliance on only one of the methodologies used or portions of the analysis performed could create a misleading or incomplete conclusion.

Valuation Approaches

The following is a summary of analyses performed by Houlihan Lokey to arrive at its recommended range of estimated values for each of the Subject Entities.

A. Net Asset Value

The net asset value ("NAV") analysis estimates the value of a subject company using the present value of the cash flows forecasted to be generated by its oil and gas reserves and other assets.

For the purpose of the NewCo Valuation, Houlihan Lokey evaluated the cash flows (after necessary operating and capital expenditures) forecasted to be generated by the NewCo Entities' proved and probable reserve categories, and incorporated the effect of the NewCo Entities' P&A obligations. Houlihan Lokey calculated the present value of these cash flows using a range of discount rates that varied by reserve category. The enterprise value was then determined by incorporating various corporate expenses and other necessary operating items not included in the reserves database, including: facilities and maintenance expense; general and administrative expenses ("G&A"); insurance costs; certain accounts payable incurred by the Debtors and assumed by the NewCo Entities; production handling agreement income; and the items described in the below paragraph titled "Other Sources of Value."

For the purpose of the FWE I Valuation, Houlihan Lokey evaluated the cash flows (after necessary operating and capital expenditures) forecasted to be generated by the FWE I Entities' proved and probable reserve categories, and incorporated the effect of the FWE I Entities' P&A obligations. Houlihan Lokey calculated the present value of these cash flows using a range of discount rates that varied by reserve category. The enterprise value was then determined by incorporating various corporate expenses and other necessary operating items not included in the reserves database, including: facilities and maintenance expenses; G&A expenses; insurance costs; and the effect of the Farmout Agreement.

For the purpose of the FWE III Valuation, Houlihan Lokey determined through analysis of available information and discussions with management that all of the FWE III properties were shut-in as of March 5, 2021 and not anticipated to be returned-to-production prior to their decommissioning. Therefore, Houlihan Lokey ascribed no value to FWE III's reserves. Houlihan Lokey incorporated the effect of FWE III's P&A obligations. Houlihan Lokey did not incorporate G&A expenses or other corporate items because it is anticipated that the Plan Administrator will engage one or more of the NewCo Entities to decommission the FWE III properties.

For the purpose of the Abandoned Properties Valuation, Houlihan Lokey evaluated the cash flows (after necessary operating and capital expenditures) forecasted to be generated by the Abandoned Properties' proved and probable reserve categories, and incorporated the effect of the Abandoned Properties' P&A obligations. Houlihan Lokey calculated the present value of these cash flows using a range of discount rates that varied by reserve category. Houlihan Lokey did not incorporate G&A expenses or other corporate items because, in connection with the Plan, the Abandoned Properties will be abandoned immediately upon the occurrence of the Effective Date of the Plan.

B. Comparable Company Analysis

The comparable company analysis estimates the value of a subject company by comparison to publicly traded companies (each, a "Selected Peer") with characteristics similar to the subject company. Under this approach, the enterprise value for each Selected Peer is determined by examining the trading price(s) of its equity securities and adding either the aggregate amount or market value of its outstanding net debt. Such enterprise value is then commonly expressed as a multiple of key operating and asset metrics (e.g., EBITDA⁴, production, and proved developed reserves). The subject company's enterprise value is then calculated by applying the Selected Peer multiples to the subject company's key operating and asset metrics.

For the purpose of the NewCo Valuation, Houlihan Lokey identified Selected Peers based on their business plan, geographic location, reserves characteristics and hydrocarbon composition, profitability, cost profile, scale, and other characteristics deemed relevant. In addition, Houlihan Lokey incorporated in its estimate of enterprise value: certain accounts payable incurred by the Debtors and assumed by the NewCo Entities; and the items described in the below paragraph titled "Other Sources of Value."

Houlihan Lokey did not use the comparable company analysis to estimate the value of the FWE I Entities, FWE III, or the Abandoned Properties due to the absence of publicly traded companies that are comparable to those entities.

C. Precedent Transactions Analysis

The precedent transactions analysis estimates the value of a subject company by comparison to previously completed merger and acquisition and divestiture transactions (the "Selected Transactions") involving companies or assets with characteristics similar to the subject company. Under this approach, the value of each Selected Transaction is commonly expressed as a multiple of key operating and asset metrics (e.g., cash flow or production). The subject company's value is then calculated by applying the Selected Transaction multiples to the subject company's key operating and asset metrics. To the extent the Selected Transactions relate to asset—rather than corporate—transactions, the subject company's asset value is then adjusted by the present value burden of its corporate items (e.g., G&A expenses) to determine the enterprise

⁴ EBITDA defined as: earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, depletion, and amortization.

value.

For the purpose of the NewCo Valuation, Houlihan Lokey focused on asset transactions and identified Selected Transactions based on their closing date, commodity price environment, geographic location, relative size, reserves characteristics and hydrocarbon composition, P&A characteristics, and other characteristics deemed relevant. Houlihan Lokey incorporated in its estimate of enterprise value (in addition to the items mentioned above) certain accounts payable incurred by the Debtors and assumed by the NewCo Entities; and the items described in the below paragraph titled "Other Sources of Value."

For the purpose of the FWE I Valuation, Houlihan Lokey focused on asset transactions and identified Selected Transactions using criteria similar to those used in the NewCo Valuation, but with a particular emphasis on precedent transactions featuring a relatively high ratio of P&A obligations to reserves value.

Houlihan Lokey did not use the precedent transactions analysis to estimate the value of FWE III or the Abandoned Properties due to a lack of precedent transactions that are comparable to those entities.

D. Other Sources of Value

As noted above, Houlihan Lokey incorporated certain other assets—which are described below—into its analyses. The value of these assets was estimated using standard oil and gas valuation methodologies and was determined to be less than 10% of the NewCo Entities' enterprise value.

- *Fieldwood Mexico*: Pursuant to the Plan, certain of the NewCo Entities will hold a 10% equity interest in Fieldwood Mexico.
- Farmout Agreement: Pursuant to the Plan, Credit Bid Purchaser will be party to a Farmout Agreement under which it will have the right for two years to present capital projects to FWE I relating to the Legacy Apache Properties.

Enterprise Value of NewCo Entities

As a result of the analysis described herein, Houlihan Lokey estimated the enterprise value of the NewCo Entities to be approximately \$880 million to \$1,170 million, with a mid-point of \$1,030 million. The implied equity value range is approximately \$690 million to \$980 million, with a midpoint of \$840 million, based on assumed pro forma net debt of \$190 million as of the assumed Effective Date (which comprises the approximately \$119 million First Lien Exit Facility, plus estimated \$171 million Second Lien Exit Facility, less approximately \$100 million of cash on hand).

Residual Distributable Value

Residual Distributable Value is determined by (i) the value of the membership interests of FWE I; (ii) the value of the membership interests of FWE III; (iii) the amount of cash remaining in the Claims Reserve after the payment of all relevant Allowed Claims and Cure Amounts; (iv) the amount of cash remaining in the Plan Administrator Expense Reserve after the dissolution of the Post-Effective Date Debtors; and (v) the amount of cash remaining in the Professional Fee Escrow after Allowed Fee Claims have been addressed.

Houlihan Lokey estimated the enterprise value of the FWE I Entities to be approximately negative \$220 million to positive \$170 million, with a mid-point of negative \$30 million. Therefore, the membership interests of FWE I are estimated to have no inherent value. However, there is the possibility that the FWE I Entities' asset value could exceed its P&A obligations and other liabilities depending upon future commodity prices, financial assurance, and other factors. As a result, the membership interests of FWE I do have option value, which Houlihan Lokey estimated using a Black-Scholes analysis. Houlihan Lokey's Black-Scholes analysis inputs included (i) for the underlying value input: asset value gross of P&A obligations, net of corporate items such as G&A and insurance, and based on a development program that is more moderate than the one assumed in the FWE I Valuation and which reflects the FWE I Entities' anticipated development activity given liquidity considerations; (ii) for the strike price input: P&A obligations adjusted for certain types of financial assurance; (iii) for the volatility input: a volatility based on the observed historical volatility of certain commodity indices and publicly traded comparable company equities; (iv) for the time-to-expiration input: the estimated weighted-average remaining economic life of producing reserves; and (v) for the risk-free interest rate: the yield of the applicable U.S. Treasury Note.

Houlihan Lokey estimated the enterprise value of FWE III to be approximately negative \$31 million to negative \$25 million, with a mid-point of negative \$28 million. The valuation range reflected Houlihan Lokey's determination that FWE III has no asset value because its wells are currently shut-in and are not anticipated to be returned-to-production prior to being decommissioned. As a result of the analysis described herein, Houlihan Lokey estimated the membership interests of FWE III to have no inherent value and no option value, and therefore to not contribute to Residual Distributable Value.

For the purpose of the Residual Distributable Value analysis, Houlihan Lokey assumed that the amount of cash funded into each of the Claims Reserve, the Plan Administrator Expense Reserve, and the Professional Fee Escrow, is not greater than the amount of payments made in respect of the applicable claims and, therefore, that Residual Distributable Value is not impacted by these reserves and escrows.

As a result of the analysis described above, Houlihan Lokey estimated the Residual Distributable Value to be approximately \$19 million, with an estimated potential low value of \$0 and an estimated potential high value of \$120 million, with such values comprising option value and not inherent value. The non-linear range reflects that the value of an out-of-the-money warrant

increases exponentially as underlying value approaches the strike price.

Additional Considerations

The estimates of value set forth herein are not necessarily indicative of actual outcomes, which may be significantly more or less favorable than those set forth herein depending on the results of the Debtors' operations, changes in the financial markets, or changes to the regulatory framework. Additionally, these estimates of value represent hypothetical enterprise and equity values, and do not purport to reflect or constitute appraisals, liquidation values or estimates of the actual market value that may be realized through the sale of any securities to be issued pursuant to the Plan, which may be significantly different than the amounts set forth herein. Such estimates were developed solely for purposes of formulation and negotiation of the Plan and analysis of implied relative recoveries to creditors thereunder. The value of an operating business such as the Debtors' businesses is subject to uncertainties and contingencies that are difficult to predict and will fluctuate with changes in factors affecting the financial condition and prospects of such businesses.

Houlihan Lokey's estimated valuation range does not constitute a recommendation to any holder of Allowed Claims or Interests as to how such person should vote or otherwise act with respect to the Plan. The estimated values set forth herein do not constitute an opinion as to the fairness from a financial point of view to any person of the consideration to be received by such person under the Plan or of the terms and provisions of the Plan. Because valuation estimates are inherently subject to uncertainties, none of the Debtors, Houlihan Lokey or any other person assumes responsibility for their accuracy or any differences between the estimated valuation ranges herein and any actual outcome.

Exhibit N Financial Projections

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Financial Projections

The Debtors believe that the Plan¹ meets the feasibility requirement set forth in section 1129(a)(11) of the Bankruptcy Code. In connection with the preparation and development of the Plan and for the purposes of determining whether the Plan would satisfy this feasibility standard, the Debtors analyzed the ability of the NewCo Entities to satisfy its financial obligations while maintaining sufficient liquidity and capital resources. The Debtors also analyzed the financial outlook of the FWE I Entities and FWE III.

The Debtors' management team ("<u>Management</u>") prepared the financial projections of the the NewCo Entities (the "<u>NewCo Projections</u>") and the FWE I Entities (the "<u>FWE I Projections</u>") (together, the "<u>Projections</u>") for the period from May 2021 through December 2025 (the "<u>Projection Period</u>"). The Projections are based on a number of assumptions regarding the future performance of Credit Bid Purchaser's and FWE I's operations.

The Debtors' analysis of FWE III is addressed below in the section titled "A. Methodology."

THESE FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS WERE NOT PREPARED WITH A VIEW TOWARD COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLISHED GUIDELINES OF THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOR PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION OF PROSPECTIVE FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

ALTHOUGH MANAGEMENT HAS PREPARED THE PROJECTIONS IN GOOD FAITH AND BELIEVES THE ASSUMPTIONS TO BE REASONABLE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE DEBTORS, THE NEWCO ENTITIES, OR THE FWE I ENTITIES CAN PROVIDE NO ASSURANCE THAT SUCH ASSUMPTIONS WILL BE REALIZED. AS DESCRIBED IN DETAIL IN THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, A VARIETY OF RISK FACTORS COULD AFFECT THE NEWCO ENTITIES' AND THE FWE I ENTITIES' FINANCIAL RESULTS AND MUST BE CONSIDERED. ACCORDINGLY, THE PROJECTIONS SHOULD BE REVIEWED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A REVIEW OF THE RISK FACTORS SET FORTH IN THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND THE ASSUMPTIONS DESCRIBED HEREIN, INCLUDING ALL RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS AND FOOTNOTES.

General Assumptions

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¹ All capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the *Disclosure Statement for the Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Fieldwood Energy LLC and Its Affiliated Debtors*, to which this exhibit is attached as Exhibit N.

A. Methodology

Management developed a business plan for each of the NewCo Entities and the FWE I Entities for the Projection Period based on estimates relating to: (i) the forecasted production of oil and gas reserves; (ii) commodity prices; (iii) hedges; (iv) operating expenses; (v) general and administrative ("G&A") costs; (vi) capital expenditures and plugging and abandonment ("P&A") costs; (vii) cash income taxes; (viii) restructuring items; and (ix) capital structure.

The NewCo Projections reflect that the Credit Bid Purchaser is being established as a going concern entity, with a business plan based on an active new drill development plan and workover program. The FWE I Projections reflect that the FWE I Entities will operate with a business plan based on an operating plan commensurate with the ongoing decommissioning of its properties in accordance with the Apache Definitive Documents.

As of March 5, 2021, the FWE III properties were substantially all shut-in and were forecasted to generate *de minimis*, if any, production prior to their decommissioning. The costs to operate and decommission the FWE III properties are reflected in the: (i) \$5-15 million of cash to be funded under the Plan; and (ii) \$12-22 million of future commitments from the NewCo Entities. Therefore the Debtors have not prepared separate financial projections relating to FWE III.

B. Presentation

The NewCo Projections are presented on a consolidated basis with respect to the NewCo Entities. The FWE I Projections are presented on a consolidated basis with respect to the legal entities to comprise the FWE I Entities. The Projections assume the consummation of the Plan as described in the Disclosure Statement.

C. Emergence Date

The Effective Date of the Chapter 11 Cases is assumed to be April 30, 2021.

Assumptions with Respect to the Projections

A. Production

Production forecasts are based on, among other things, Management's best efforts to forecast: (i) the decline rate of existing production; and (ii) the performance of wells forecasted to be developed or otherwise brought online during the Projection Period.

Changes in the NewCo Entities' development plan may have a material impact on the number of wells developed and the forecasted production attributable to such wells. The actual production of existing and new wells could vary considerably from the assumptions used to prepare the NewCo Projections.

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B. Commodity Pricing

Crude oil prices are based on West Texas Intermediate ("<u>WTI</u>") futures contracts traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange ("<u>NYMEX</u>"). Natural gas prices are based on Henry Hub futures contracts traded on the NYMEX.

Realized oil prices are forecasted by applying the following adjustments to March 5, 2021 WTI futures prices: (i) a premium spread of approximately \$1.87 per barrel on average over the projection period for the NewCo Entities and the FWE I Entities to reflect that a portion of the NewCo Entities' and the FWE I Entities' crude oil receives Louisiana Light Sweet ("LLS") pricing; and (ii) a discount of \$1.17-1.63 per barrel for the NewCo Entities and \$4.00 per barrel for the FWE I Entities to reflect various customary marketing expenses. Realized natural gas prices are forecasted by applying the following adjustments to March 5, 2021 Henry Hub futures prices: (i) a BTU adjustment factor of approximately 105% per MMbtu / Mcf; and (ii) a discount of \$0.04 / Mcf for the NewCo Entities and \$0.05 / Mcf for the FWE I Entities to reflect various customary marketing expenses. Natural gas liquids ("NGL") prices reflect estimated realizations of approximately 29% of WTI futures for NewCo and 25% of WTI futures for the FWE I Entities, based primarily on historical differentials.

Management's commodity pricing estimates are consistent with its pre-petition and industry practices, and the Debtors believe that they are reasonable under the circumstances. Set forth below are the realized prices underlying the Projections:

Realized Prices

13.68

13.19

12.96

	May - Dec	FY	FY	FY	FY
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
NewCo Entities:					
Oil Price (\$/bbl)	\$65.32	\$59.87	\$55.93	\$54.38	\$53.87
Gas Price (\$/Mcf)	3.00	2.81	2.65	2.67	2.69
NGL Price (\$/bbl)	18.73	17.30	16.34	15.78	15.57
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FWE I Entities:					
Oil Price (\$/bbl)	\$61.99	\$56.23	\$52.56	\$50.53	\$49.61
Gas Price (\$/Mcf)	2.95	2.75	2.61	2.60	2.60

C. Hedging

NGL Price (\$/bbl)

As of March 5, 2021 the Debtors had not hedged any oil or natural gas volumes beyond the end of April 2021.

14.58

15.96

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As of March 5, 2021 the Debtors had not hedged any oil or natural gas volumes beyond the end of April 2021.

D. Operating Expenses

Operating expenses include: (i) direct operating expenses; (ii) repair and maintenance expenses ("<u>R&M"</u>); (iii) transportation expenses; (iv) workover expenses; and (v) insurance expenses. The Projections reflect Management's estimates of these costs.

E. General and Administrative

G&A costs include: (i) personnel; (ii) rent; and (iii) other corporate overhead costs necessary to manage the business and comply with regulatory requirements. The Projections reflect Management's estimates of these costs. A portion of the NewCo Entities' G&A costs are forecasted to be expensed and a portion are forecasted to be capitalized. The FWE I Entities' G&A costs are forecasted to be expensed.

F. Capital Expenditures & Plugging and Abandonment Costs

The NewCo Entities' forecasted capital expenditures include: (i) deepwater drilling and completion ("<u>D&C</u>") activity and well stimulations; (ii) shelf recompletions; (iii) facilities, seismic, and land expenditures; and (iv) non-drilling related expenditures. The NewCo Projections reflect Management's estimates of the costs for each project.

The FWE I Entities' forecasted capital expenditures include: (i) recompletions; and (ii) facilities, seismic, and land expenditures.

P&A costs reflect Management's estimate of the P&A activities and costs to be incurred by the NewCo Entities and the FWE I Entities. During the Projection Period, the NewCo Entities are forecasted to pay approximately \$28.0 million of P&A costs. During the Projection Period: (i) the FWE I Entities are forecasted to pay approximately \$215.1 million of P&A costs; and (ii) it is anticipated that additional P&A costs will be addressed pursuant to the Decommissioning Agreement and the separate security provided thereunder.

Set forth below are the forecasted capital expenditures and P&A costs during the Projection Period:

Capital Expenditures and P&A Costs

	May - Dec 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
NewCo Entities:		2022	2023	2024	2025
D&C & Recompletion	\$3.9	\$82.6	\$102.9	\$136.9	\$91.4
Facilities, Seismic, & Land	15.5	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0
Remaining CapEx Items	8.8	0.0	8.8	0.0	8.8
Total Capital Expenditures	\$28.2	\$95.6	\$124.7	\$149.9	\$113.2
P&A	\$4.7	\$5.6	\$5.9	\$5.9	\$5.9
Total CapEx & P&A	\$33.0	\$101.2	\$130.7	\$155.8	\$119.1
FWE I Entities:					
Recompletion	\$23.4	\$30.0	\$30.0	\$30.0	\$30.0
Facilities, Seismic, & Land	5.5	5.4	5.4	3.9	3.9
Total Capital Expenditures	\$28.9	\$35.4	\$35.4	\$33.9	\$33.9
P&A	\$77.3	\$75.8	\$34.3	\$19.5	\$8.2
Total CapEx & P&A	\$106.2	\$111.2	\$69.7	\$53.3	\$42.1

G. Cash Income Taxes

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, each NewCo Entity is (i) treated as an association taxable as a corporation and (ii) a member of the consolidated group of which NewCo is the common parent. Accordingly, NewCo will be responsible for the payment of any U.S. federal income taxes owed on account of the taxable income of the NewCo Entities (including the Credit Bid Purchaser). During the Projection Period, the amount of cash U.S. federal income taxes to be paid by NewCo is forecasted to be zero.

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, FWE I is treated as an entity disregarded as separate from FWE Parent. Accordingly, FWE I is not a separate taxpayer and FWE Parent is liable for the payment of any U.S. federal income taxes owed on account of the taxable income of FWE I, taking into account the other items of income, gain, loss, and deduction of FWE Parent. During the Projection Period, the amount of cash U.S. federal income taxes to be paid by FWE Parent on account of its ownership of FWE I is forecasted to be zero.

H. Restructuring Items

Management, in consultation with the Debtors' advisors, has identified restructuring-specific items to be assumed by the NewCo Entities, including: (i) net working capital items incurred by the Debtors during the post-petition period (estimated to be approximately \$47 million

as of the date hereof); (ii) future commitments to FWE III; and (iii) certain employee claims, among other items.

I. Capital Structure

The NewCo Projections reflect the First Lien Exit Facility and the Second Lien Exit Facility on the terms described in the Plan. The NewCo Entities are forecasted to have approximately \$100 million of cash on hand on the Effective Date pro forma for the transactions contemplated by the Plan. The key sources and uses that determine the amount of the NewCo Entities' cash on hand on the Effective Date include, among other things: (i) the Debtors' cash balance immediately prior to the Effective Date; (ii) the amount of cash to be funded into the Claims Reserves (including the Professional Fee Escrow) and Plan Administrator Expense Reserve; (iii) other restructuring transaction costs, including, among others, the capitalization amount provided to FWE I, the repayment of Allowed DIP Claims and hedge claims (if any), initial cash payments to FWE III, and the General Unsecured Claims Cash Pool; and (iv) the net proceeds from the Exit Facilities and the equity rights offering.

The FWE I Entities are forecasted to have approximately \$25 million of unrestricted cash on hand on the Effective Date pro forma for the transactions contemplated by the Plan. In addition, the FWE I Entities are forecasted to benefit from an approximately \$48 million positive working capital adjustment following the Effective Date. In addition, under the Decommissioning Agreement, separate security has been previously provided to secure plugging, abandonment, and decommissioning obligations associated with the Legacy Apache Properties, including \$238 million of Trust A cash and approximately \$498 million in letters of credit and surety bonds (payable in accordance with their terms and conditions). Moreover, Apache will provide liquidity in the form of up to \$400 million of proceeds to be used by the FWE I Entities to perform plugging, abandonment, and decommissioning in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Standby Credit Facility Documents.

NewCo Projections

(\$ millions)	May - Dec 2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Daily Net Production (mboe/d)	31	30	37	32	33
% Liquids	82%	81%	81%	80%	79%
Total Revenue	\$408	\$535	\$617	\$516	\$523
Operating Expense:					
Direct Operating	(\$58)	(\$99)	(\$114)	(\$96)	(\$99)
R&M	(11)	(15)	(14)	(14)	(14)
Transportation	(13)	(23)	(33)	(29)	(31)
Workover	(31)	(19)	(19)	(19)	(19)
Insurance	(12)	(18)	(18)	(18)	(18)
Total Operating Expenses	(\$124)	(\$173)	(\$198)	(\$176)	(\$181)
G&A	(\$12)	(\$18)	(\$18)	(\$18)	(\$18)
Hedge Gain / (Loss)	· -	· -	· -	-	-
EBITDA	\$272	\$344	\$401	\$322	\$323
Cash Income Taxes	_	_	-	_	_
Capitalized G&A	(17)	(25)	(25)	(25)	(25)
Capital Expenditures	(28)	(96)	(125)	(150)	(113)
P&A	(5)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)
Change in NWC	1	17	(3)	(4)	4
Restructuring Items	(51)	(17)	-	-	_
Unlevered Cash Flow	\$172	\$218	\$242	\$137	\$182
Cash Interest	(\$16)	(\$21)	(\$19)	(\$18)	(\$17)
Amortization	(19)	(33)	(15)	(15)	(15)
Levered Cash Flow	\$138	\$164	\$207	\$104	\$150
Cash Balance					
Beginning Cash	\$100	\$238	\$402	\$610	\$714
Levered Cash Flows	138	164	207	104	150
Ending Cash	\$238	\$402	\$610	\$714	\$864
Key Metrics					
First Lien Exit Facility Debt	\$100	\$68	\$53	\$38	\$23
Net First Lien Exit Facility Debt	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
Total Debt	\$271	\$239	\$224	\$209	\$194
Net Total Debt	33	NM	NM	NM	NM
First Lien Exit Facility Leverage Ratio ²	0.2x	0.2x	0.1x	0.1x	0.1x
Total Leverage Ratio ²	0.7x	0.7x	0.6x	0.7x	0.6x
LTM EBITDA / Interest Expense ²	26.0x	15.3x	19.7x	16.3x	17.2x
Net First Lien Exit Facility Leverage Ratio ²	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
Net Total Leverage Ratio ²	0.1x	NM	NM	NM	NM
Cash	\$238	\$402	\$610	\$714	\$864

² May - Dec 2021 leverage metrics are based on annualized EBITDA.

FWE I Projections

(\$ millions)	May - Dec 2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Daily Net Production (mboe/d)	28	27	25	24	22
% Liquids	67%	62%	57%	54%	52%
Total Revenue	\$309	\$379	\$321	\$279	\$250
Operating Expense:					
Direct Operating	(\$133)	(\$173)	(\$167)	(\$156)	(\$148)
R&M	(23)	(30)	(26)	(19)	(15)
Transportation	(8)	(10)	(8)	(7)	(5)
Workover	(6)	(8)	(7)	(6)	(5)
Insurance	(8)	(11)	(10)	(8)	(8)
Total Operating Expenses	(\$179)	(\$232)	(\$218)	(\$195)	(\$181)
G&A	(\$22)	(\$33)	(\$32)	(\$31)	(\$30)
Hedge Gain / (Loss)	-	-	-	-	-
EBITDA	\$108	\$115	\$71	\$54	\$40
Cash Income Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Capitalized G&A	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditures	(29)	(35)	(35)	(34)	(34)
$P&A^3$	(77)	(76)	(34)	(19)	(8)
Change in Net Working Capital	48	(3)	(2)	(4)	(2)
Unlevered Cash Flow	\$50	•	•	(\$3)	(\$4)
Cash Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Levered Cash Flow	\$50	-	-	(\$3)	(\$4)
Unrestricted Cash Balance ⁴					
Beginning Balance	\$25	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$72
Levered Cash Flows	50	-	-	(3)	(4)
Ending Balance	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$72	\$68

³ Additional decommissioning activities may be performed in accordance with the Decommissioning Agreement to the extent of available security.

⁴ Excludes Trust A cash.